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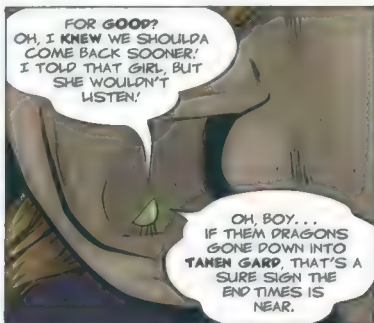
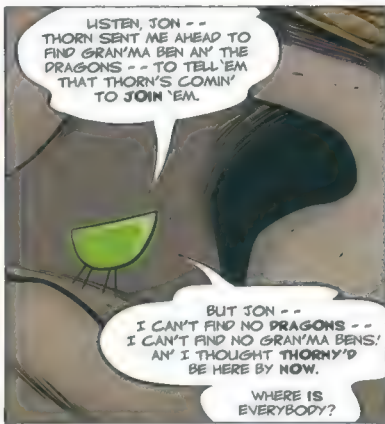
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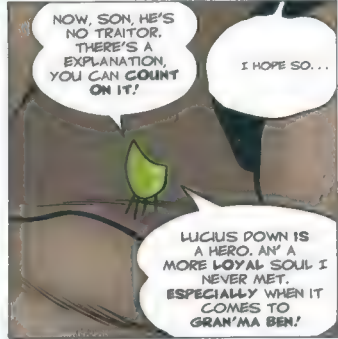
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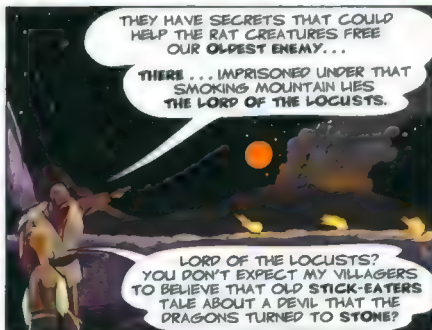
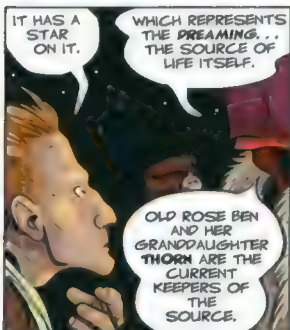
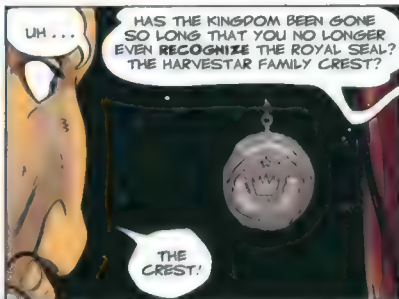
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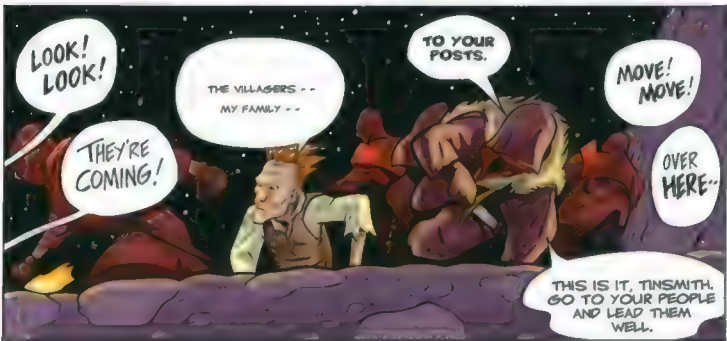


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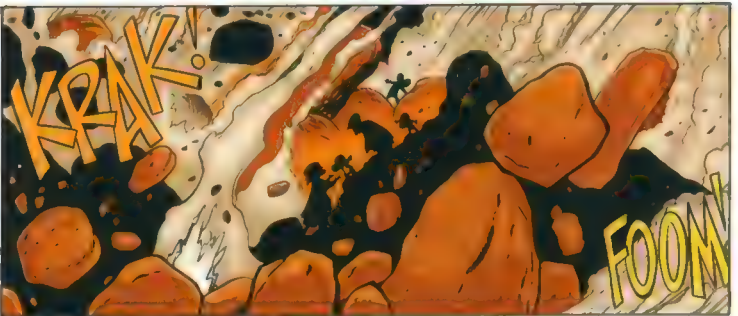
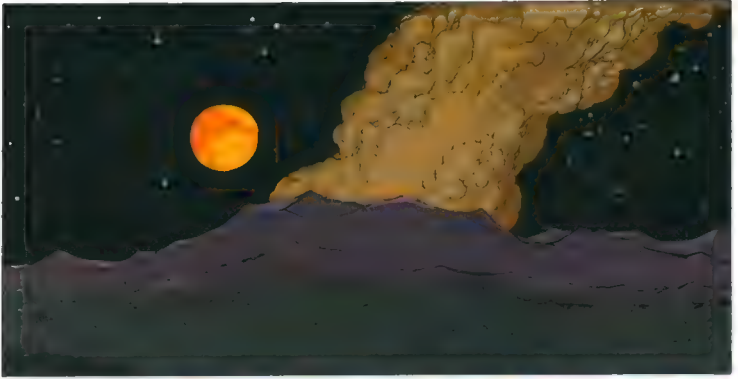


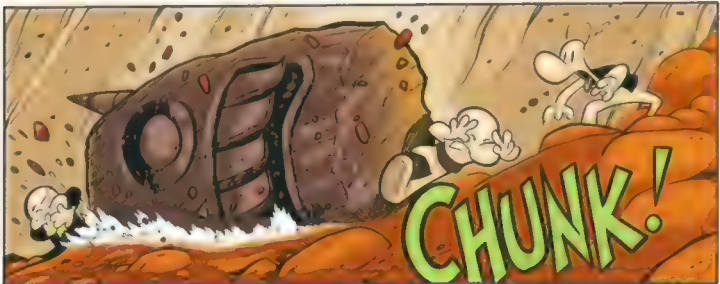
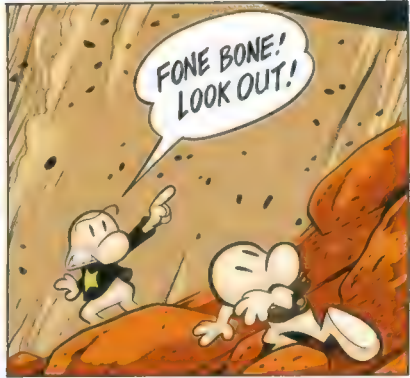


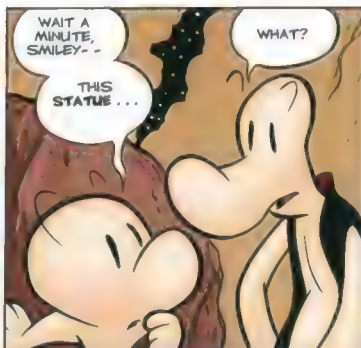
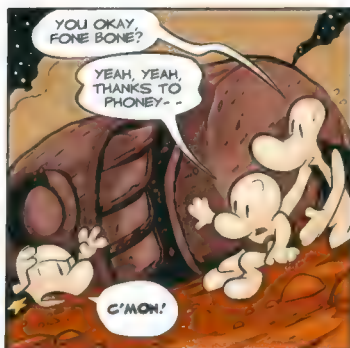


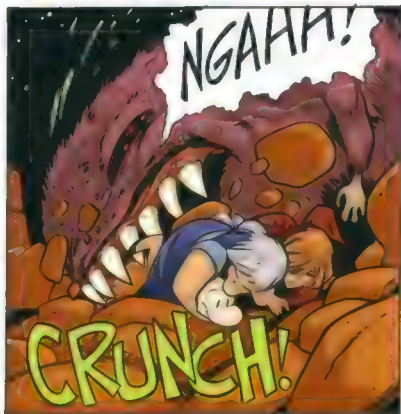
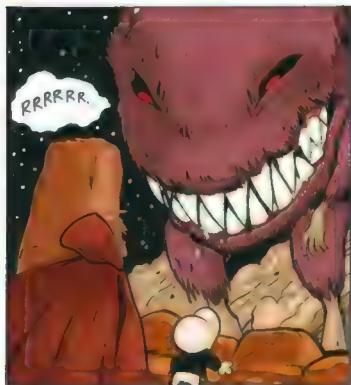


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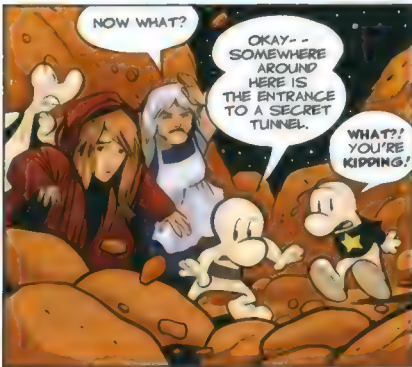
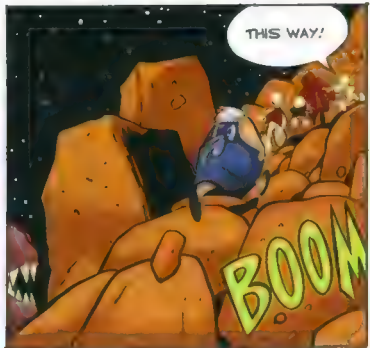




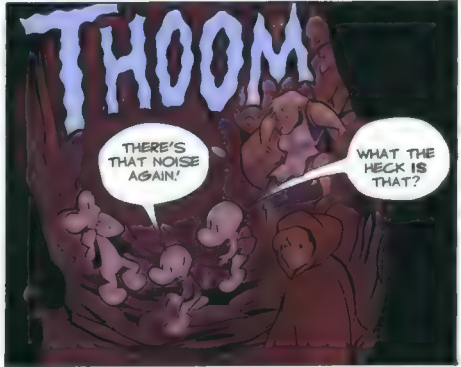
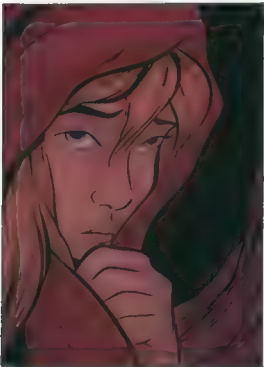
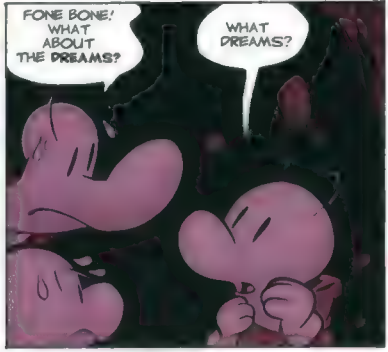


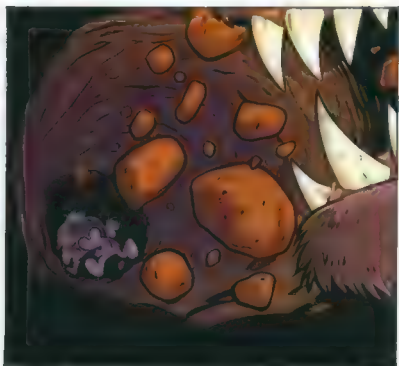
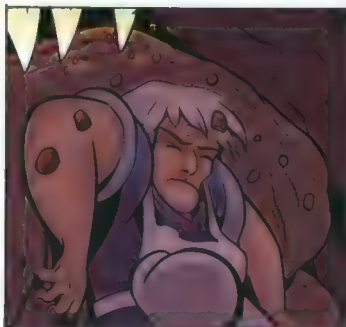
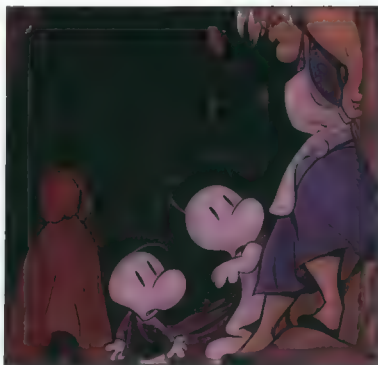


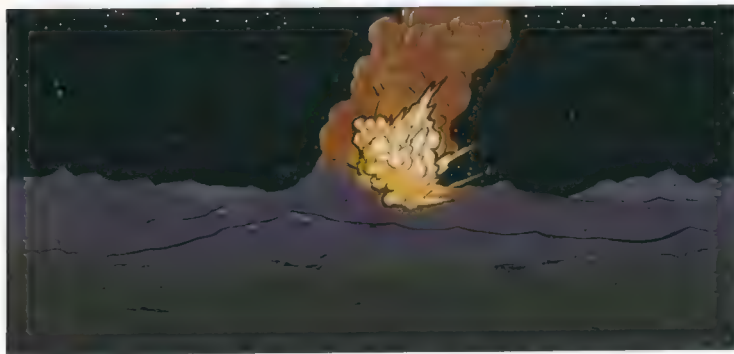
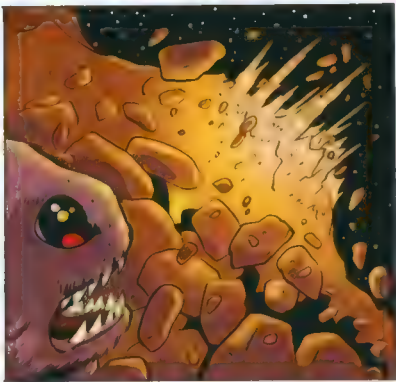








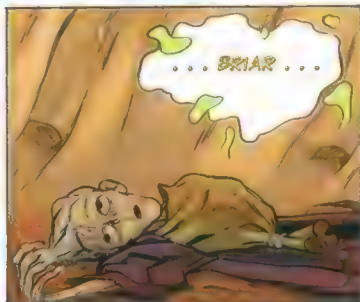
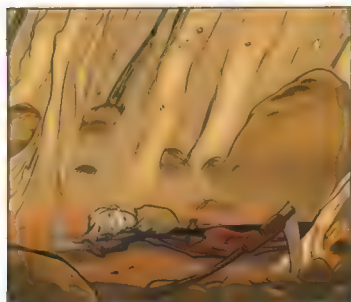


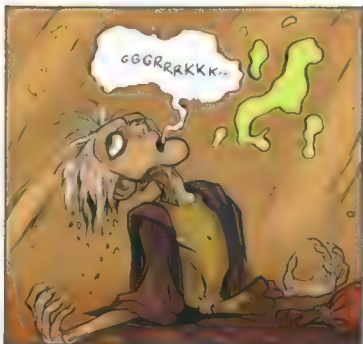






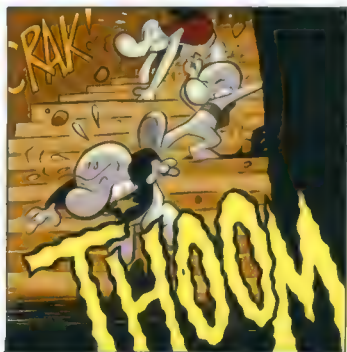


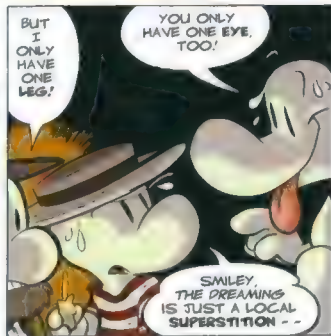
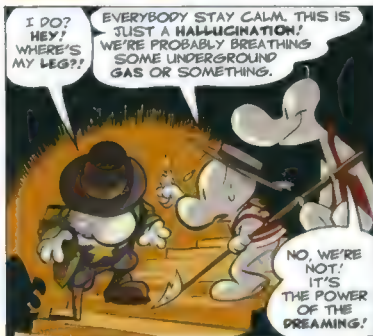


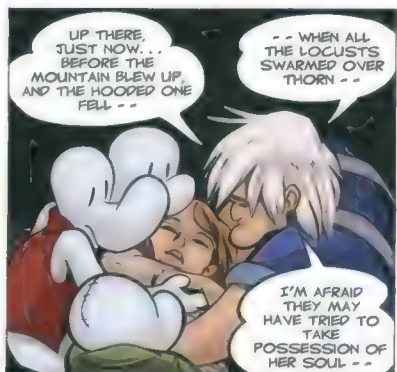
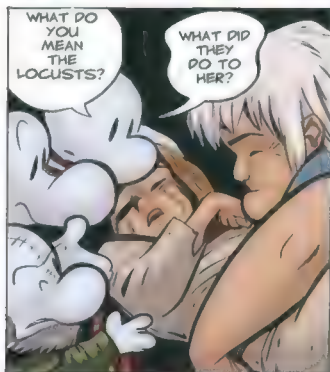
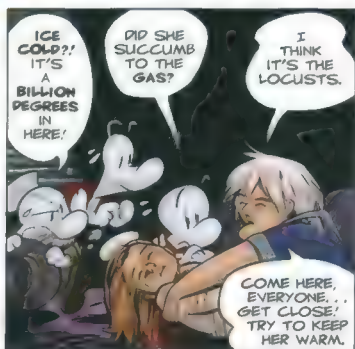
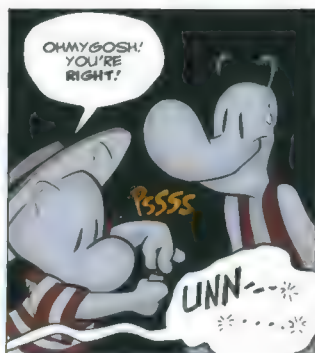


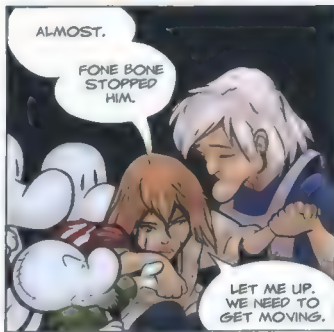
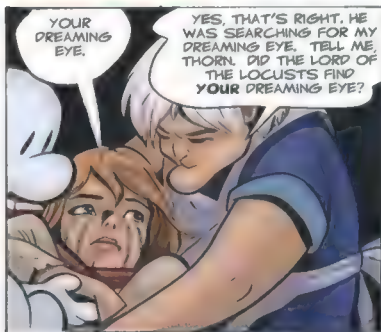
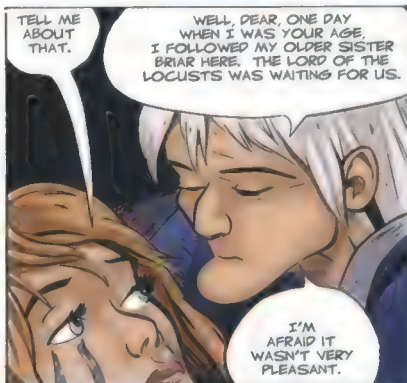
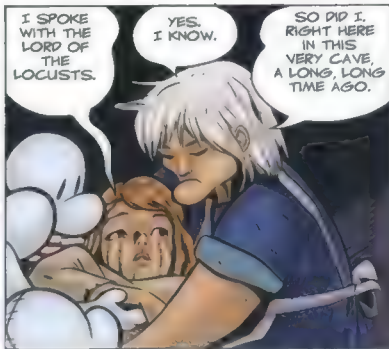
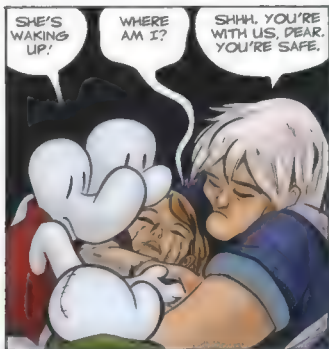


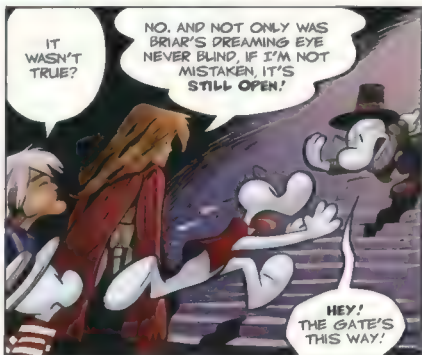
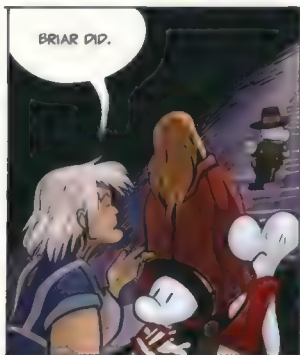
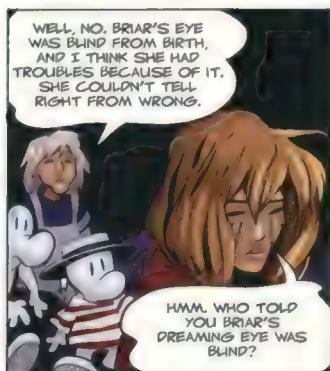
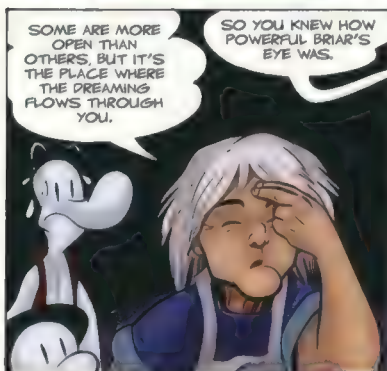
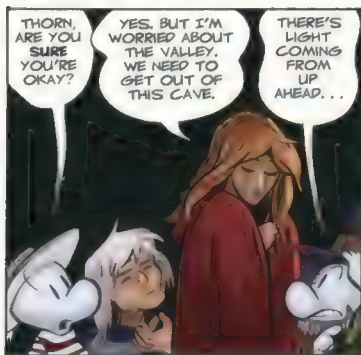


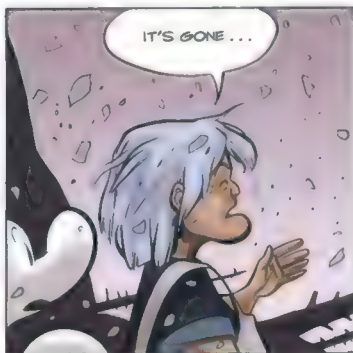


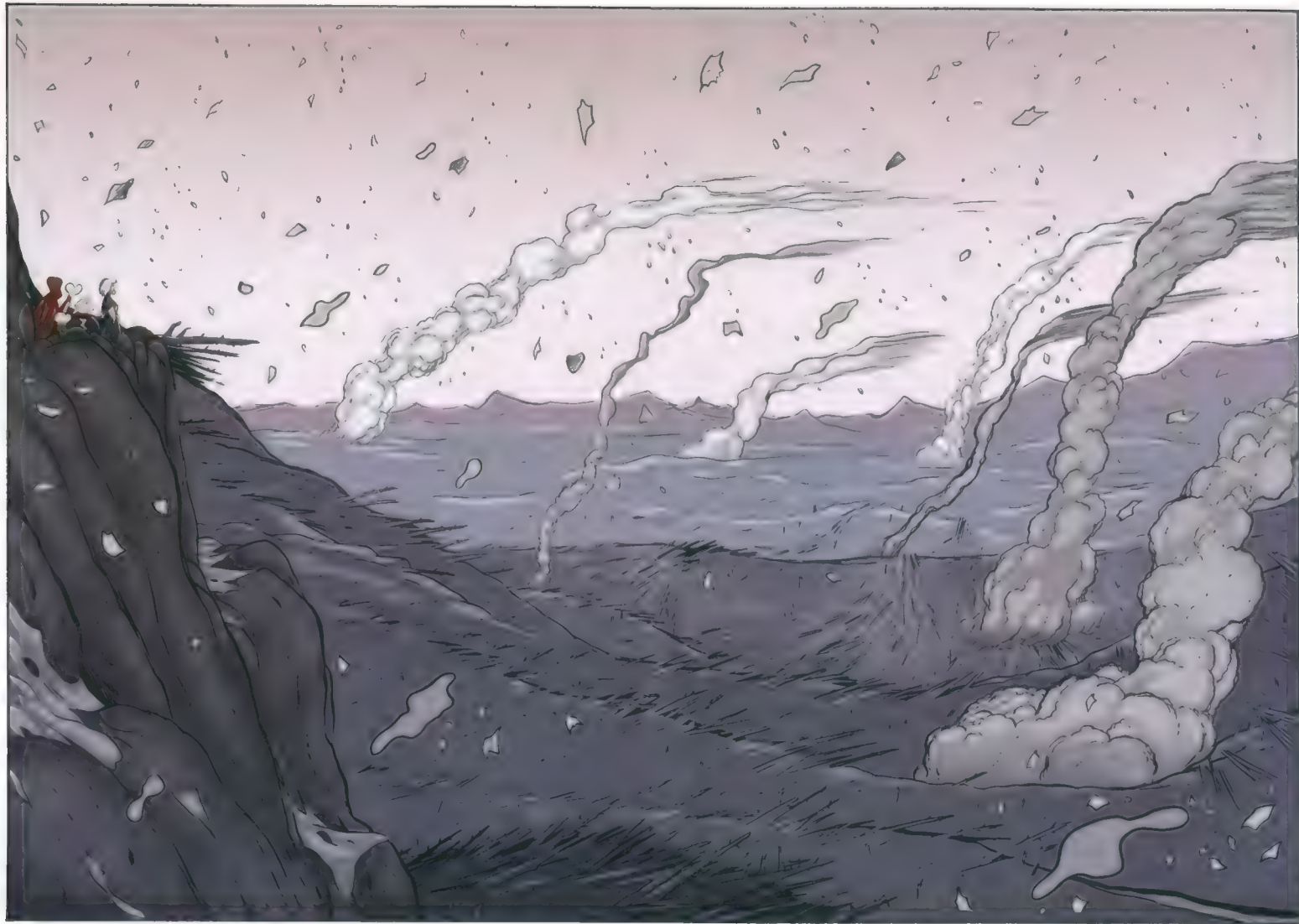




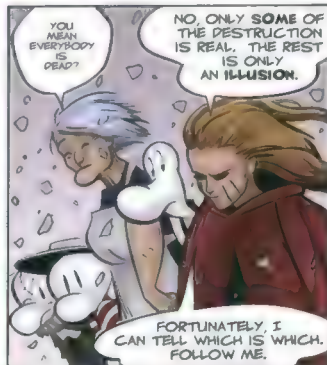
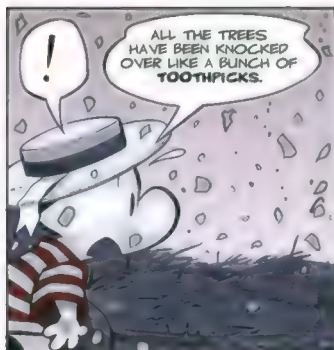


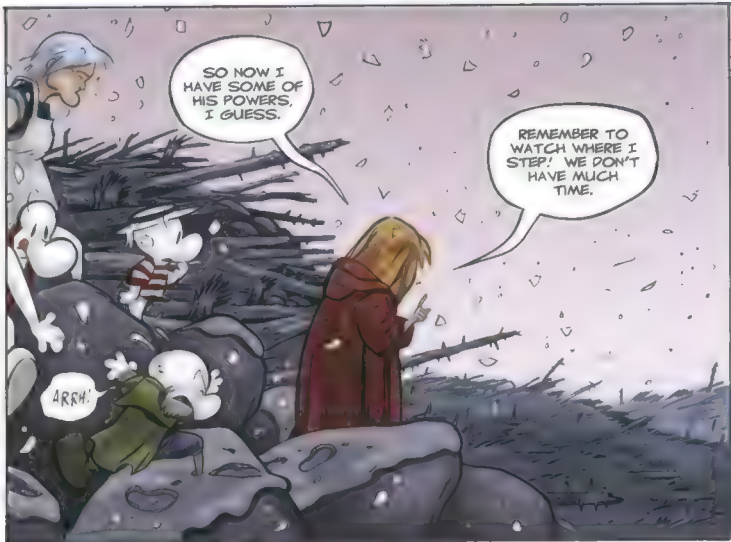
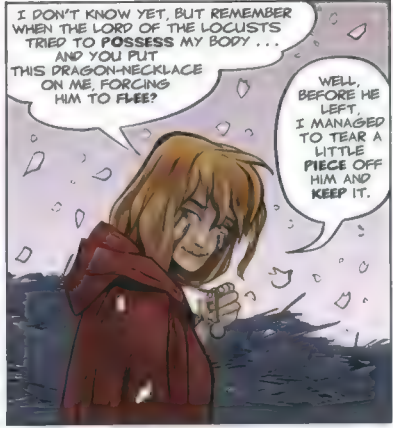
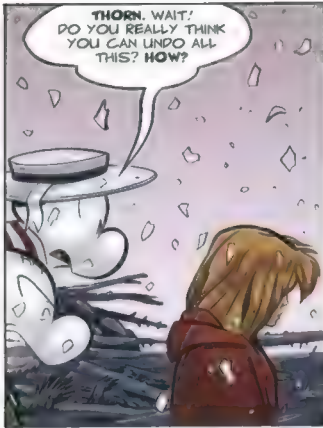






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BONE!

HEY?
FORE BONE!

ISN'T THERE AN
EASIER WAY
TO GO BESIDES
CLIMBING OVER
EVERY TREE
IN OUR PATH?!

FOR THE
MILLIONTH
TIME.

NO!

WE
HAVE TO
FOLLOW
THORN'S
FOOTSTEPS
EXACTLY.

NOW STOP FUSSING
ABOUT, PHONEY.
THIS IS DANGEROUS!
ALL THIS ASH
IS SLIPPERY!

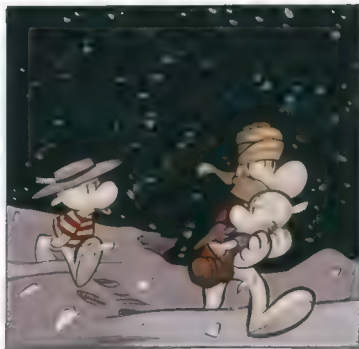
IT'S
HARD ENOUGH
TO SEE AND
BREATHE ...

... BUT IF YOU MAKE
SMILEY SLIDE OFF
THE PATH INTO A
GHOST CIRCLE --

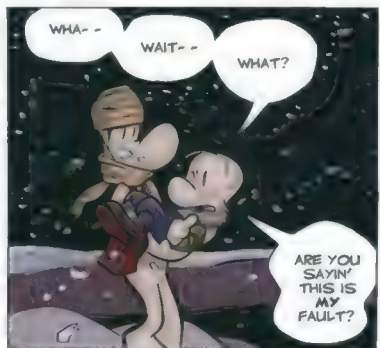
YOU'LL BOTH
DIE.

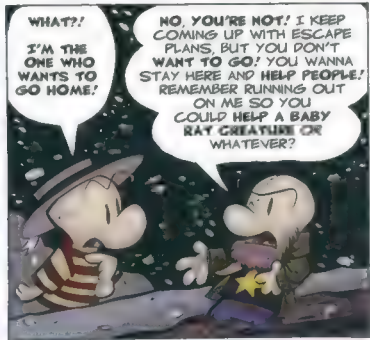
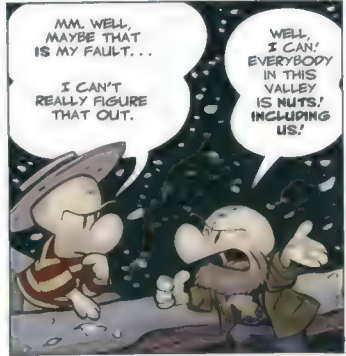
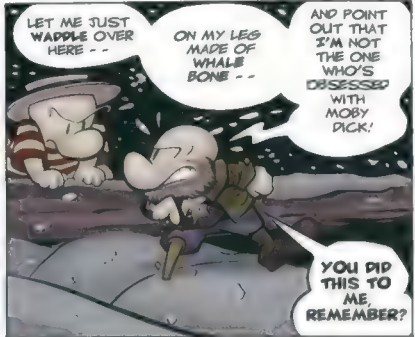
YEAH, YEAH,
RIGHT.
GHOST CIRCLES.
WHAT THE HECK
ARE THEY
ANYWAY?





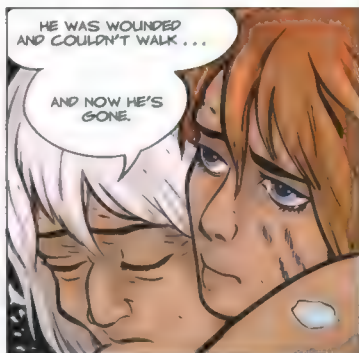
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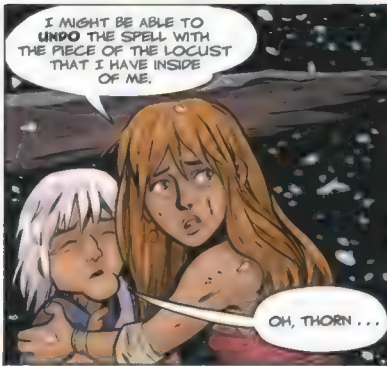
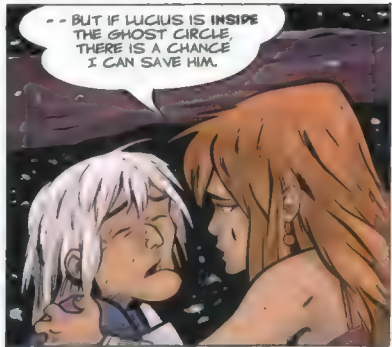
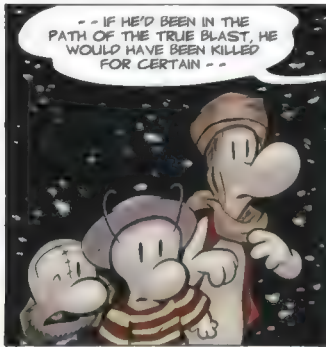


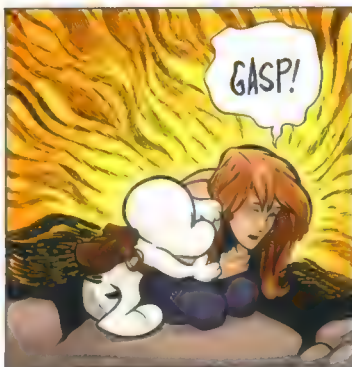
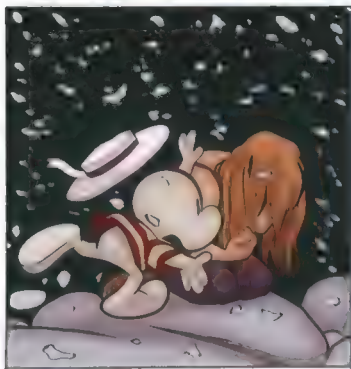
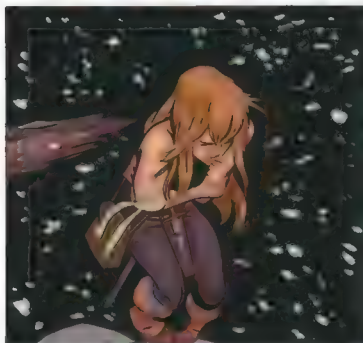
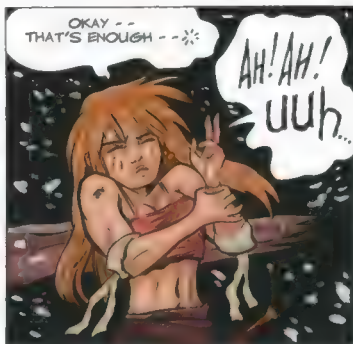
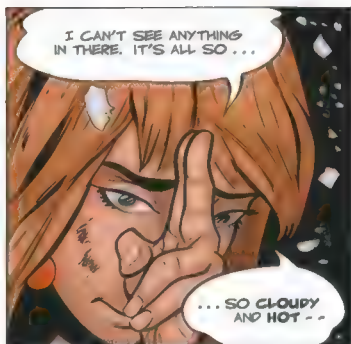




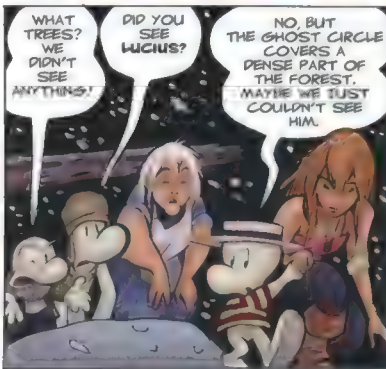
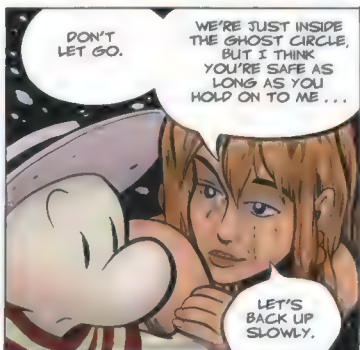
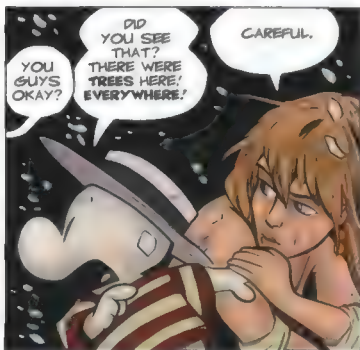
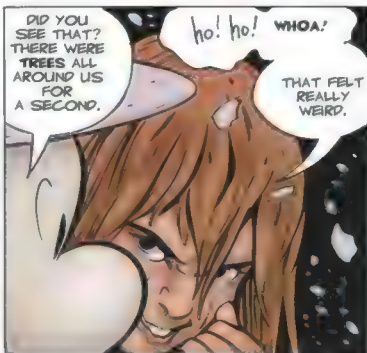


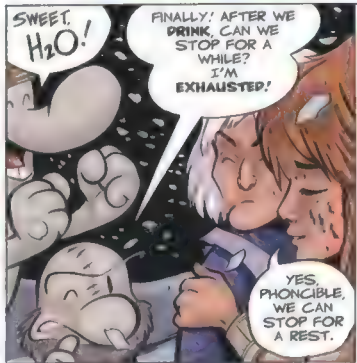
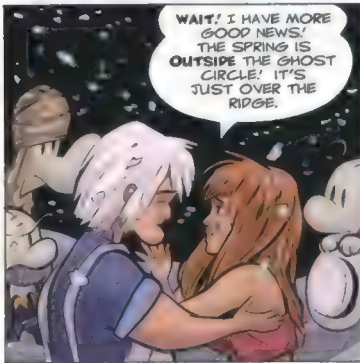
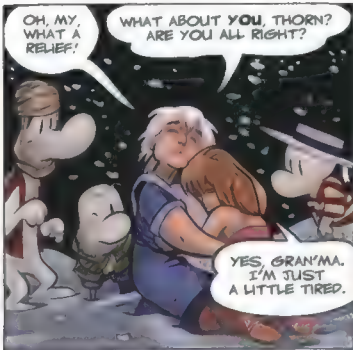


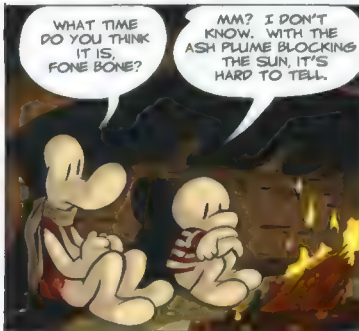
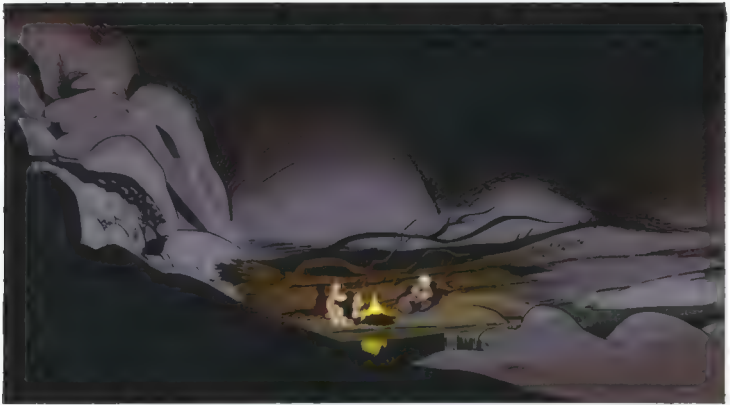




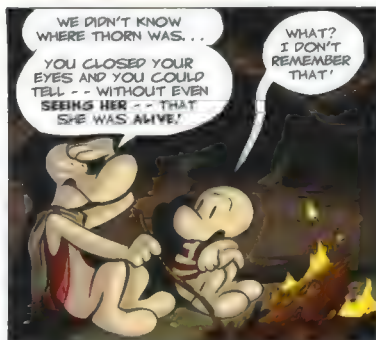
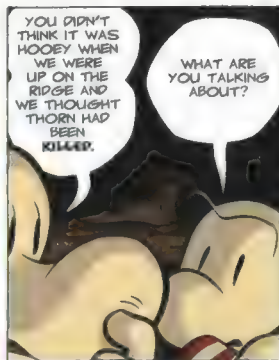


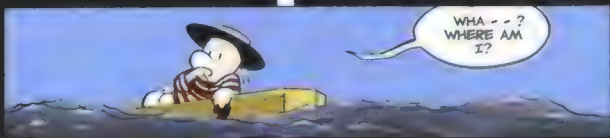


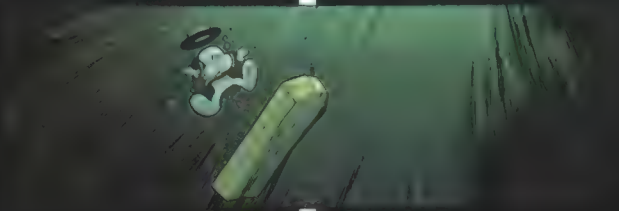
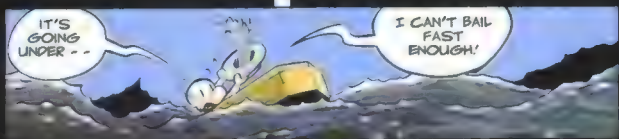


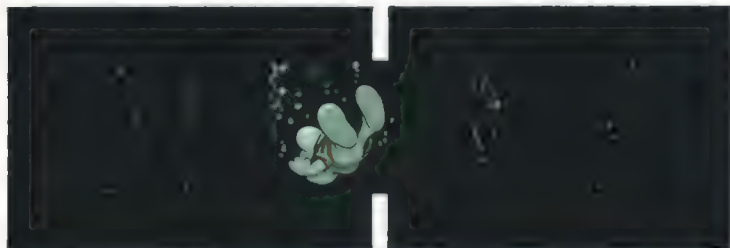






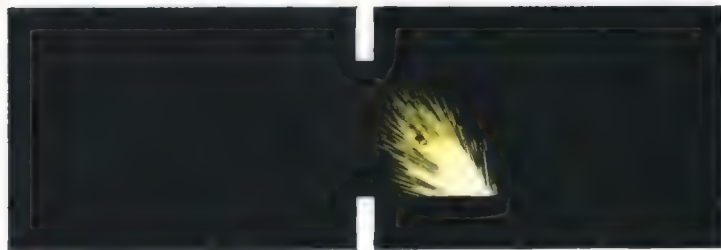








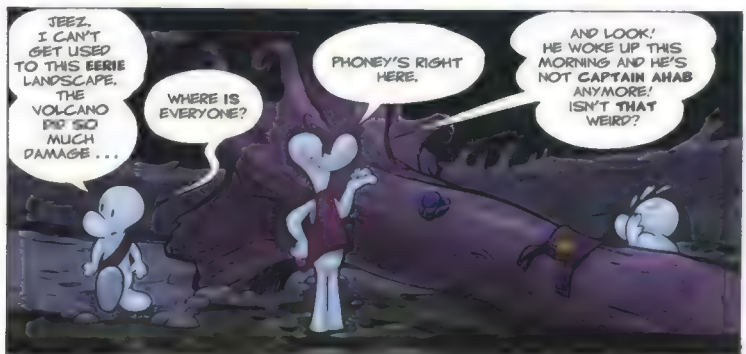
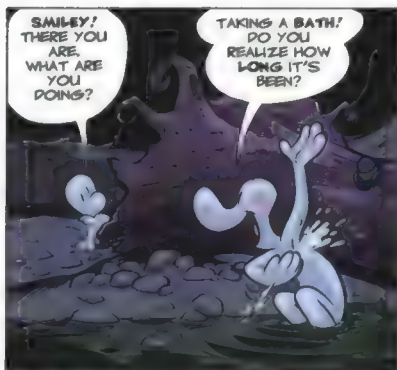
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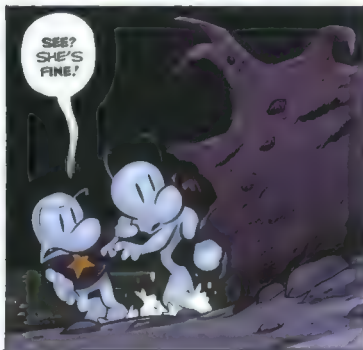
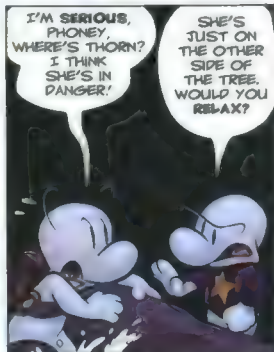


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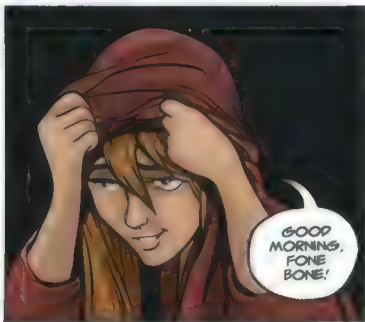
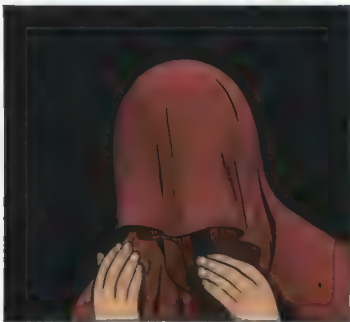
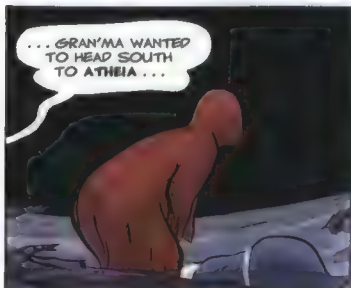
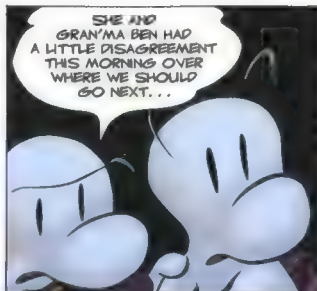
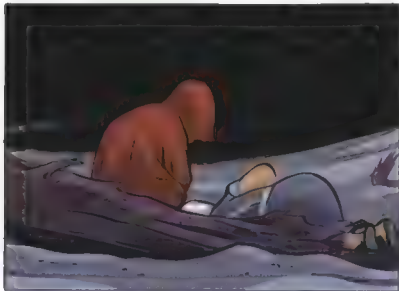


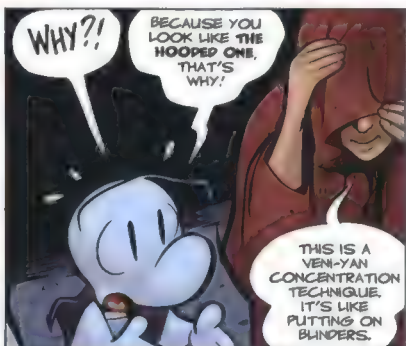
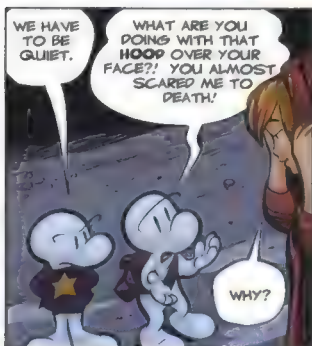
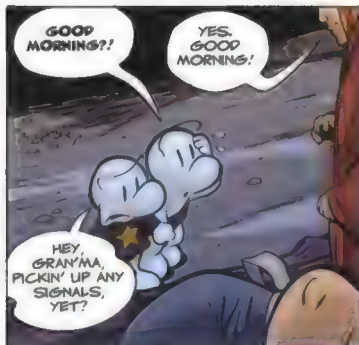




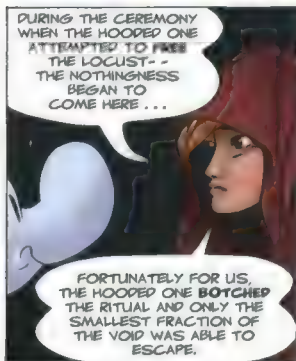
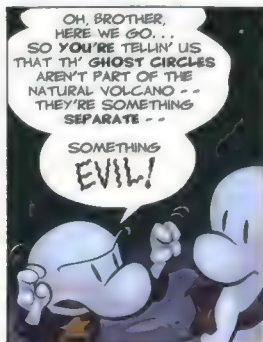
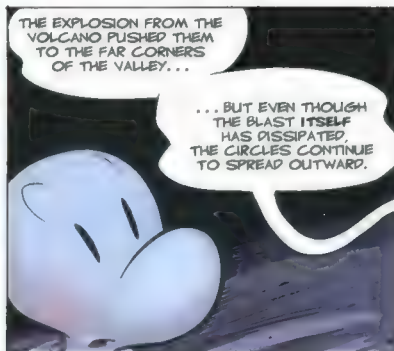


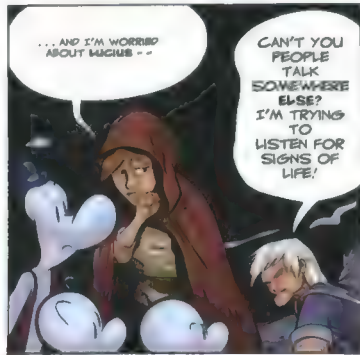
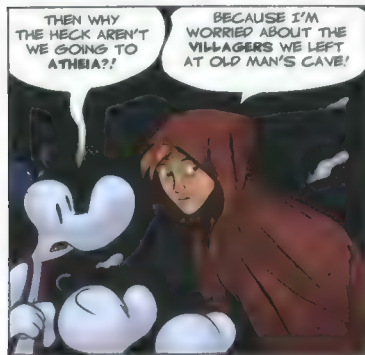
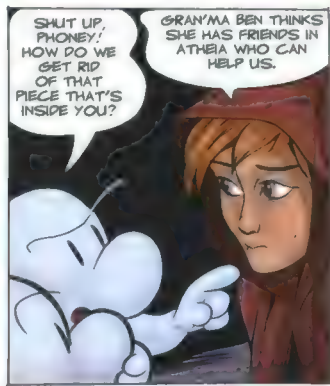
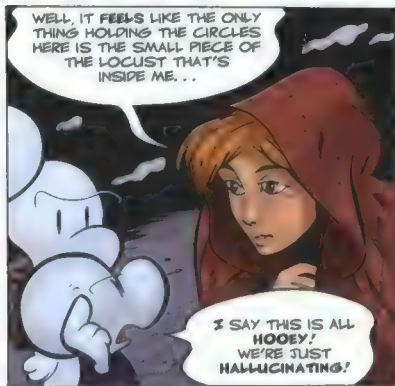
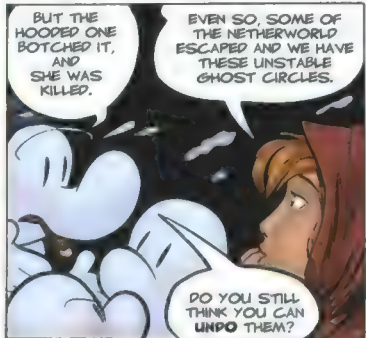
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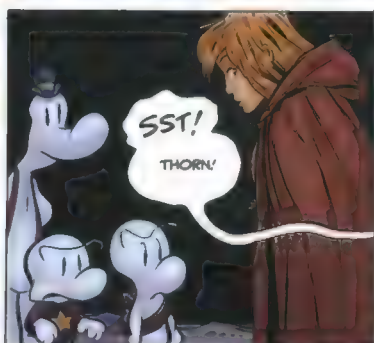
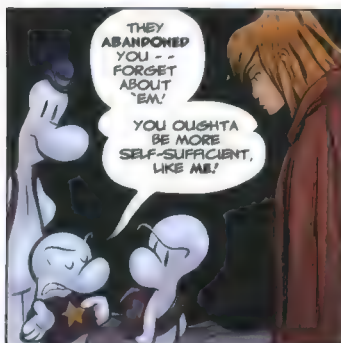
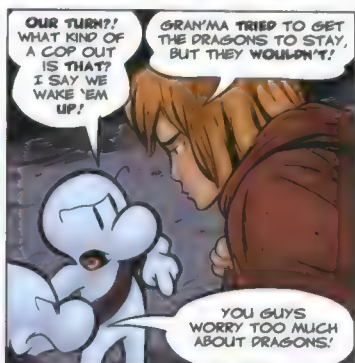
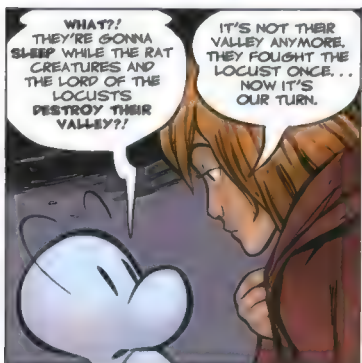
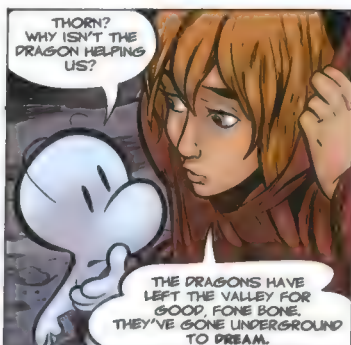


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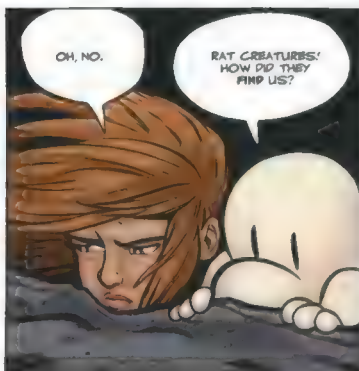


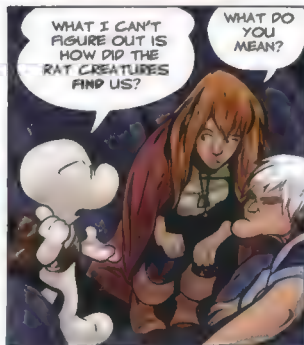


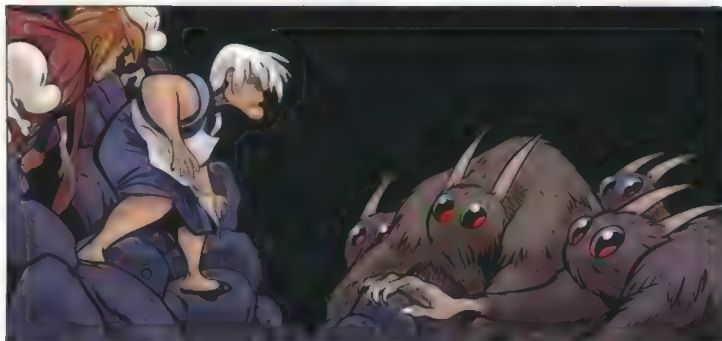
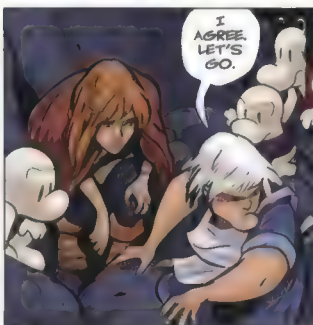
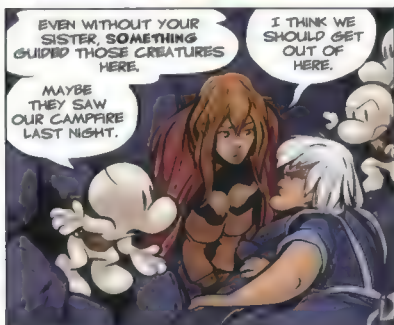
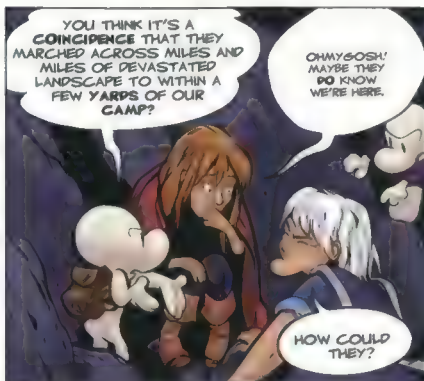
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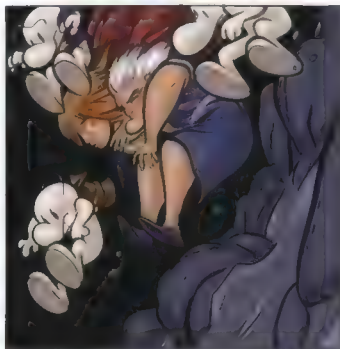




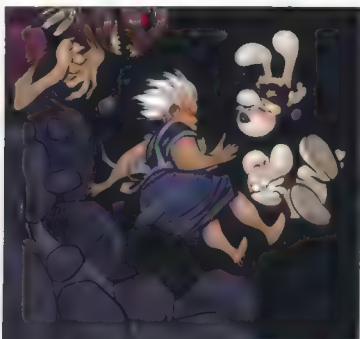




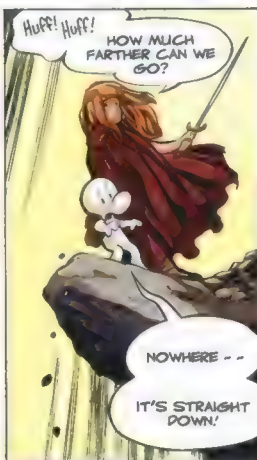
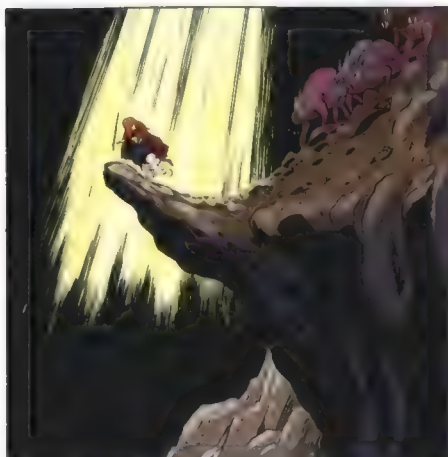
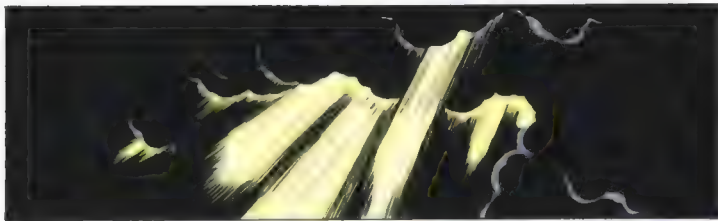




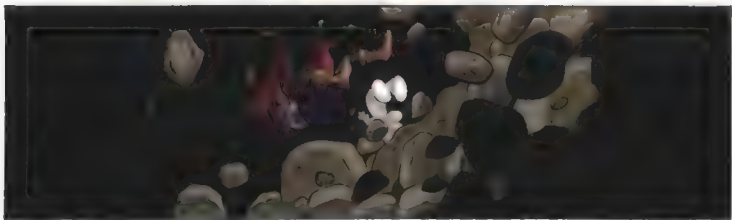
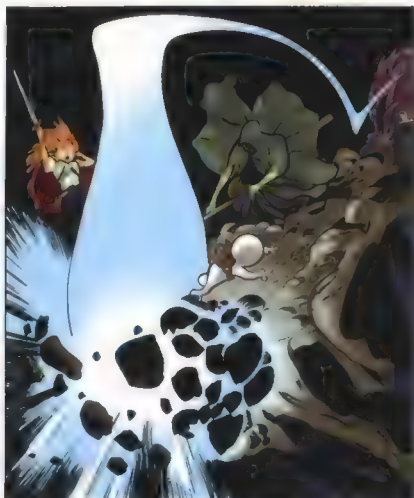
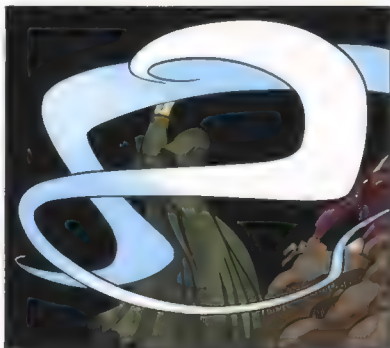
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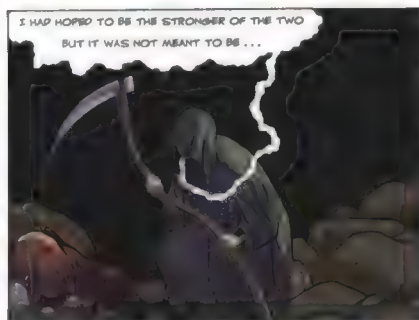
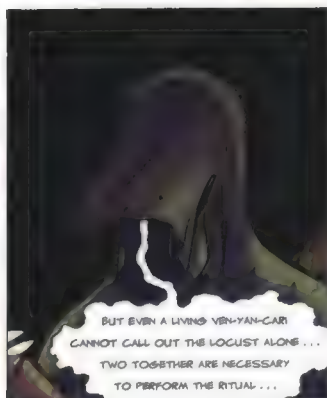


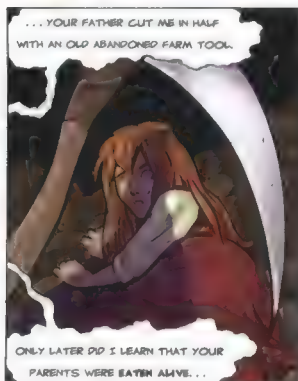
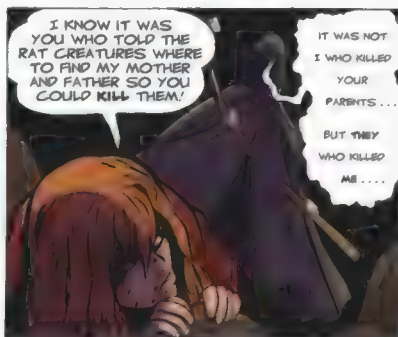


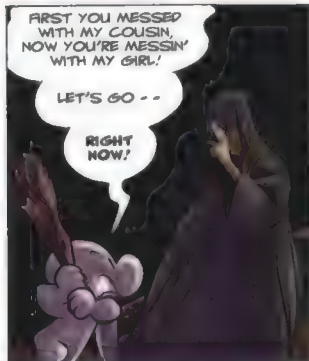




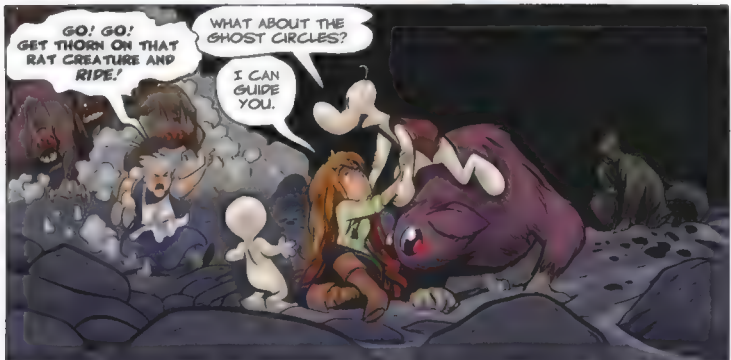














CAN YOU
BELIEVE IT,
FONE BONE?
OUR
LITTLE
BARTLEBY'S
BACK!

AN' LOOK
HOW HE'S
GROWN!

MESSIN' WITH
YOUR GIRL, HUM?

oh,
JESUS...

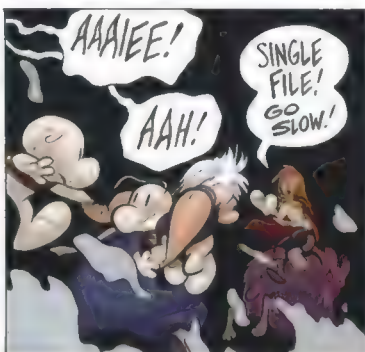
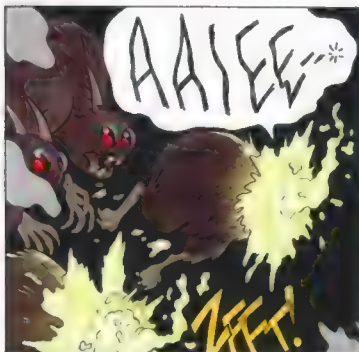


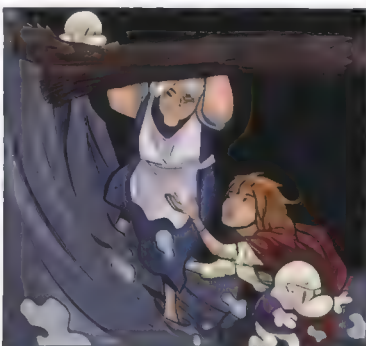
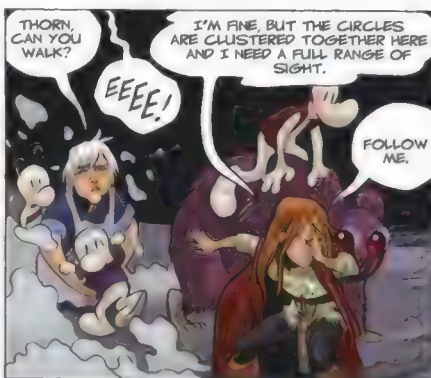


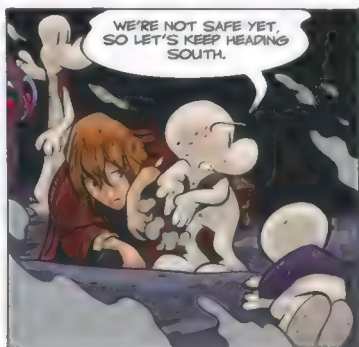
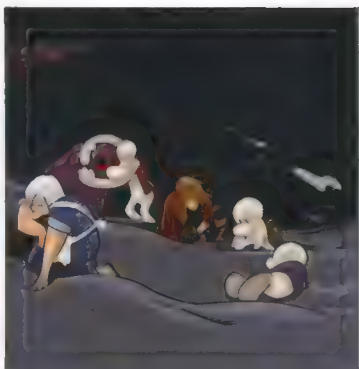
FONE
BONE!
GRAN'MA!
LISTEN TO
ME!

THIS IS
ABOUT
TO
GET REAL
DANGEROUS!

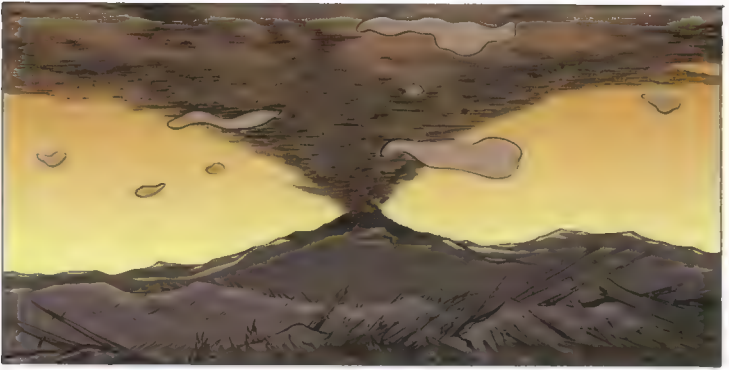
WE'RE
ENTERING
A MASSIVE
FIELD OF
GHOST
CIRCLES!

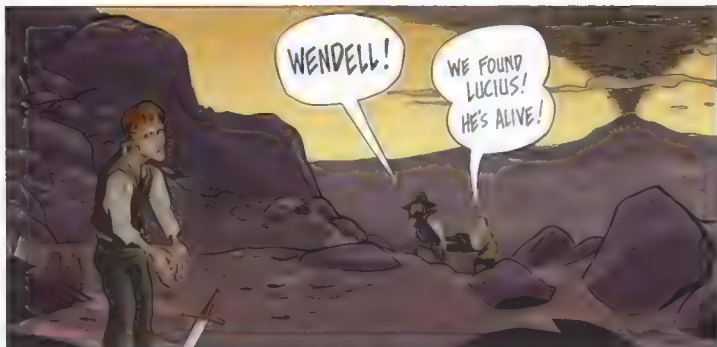


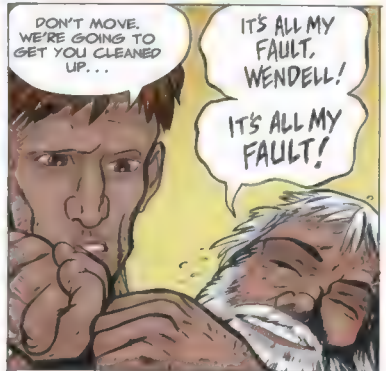
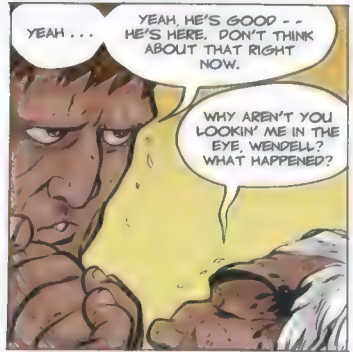




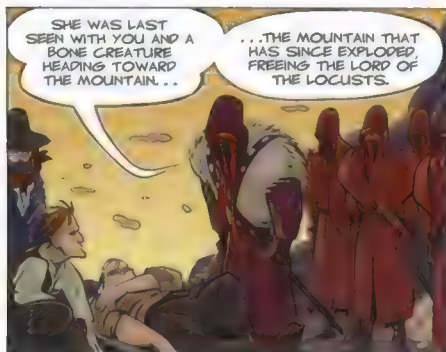








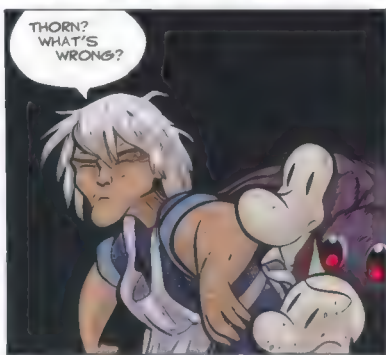
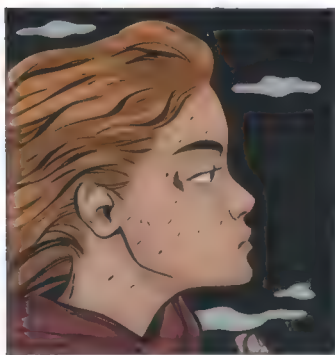
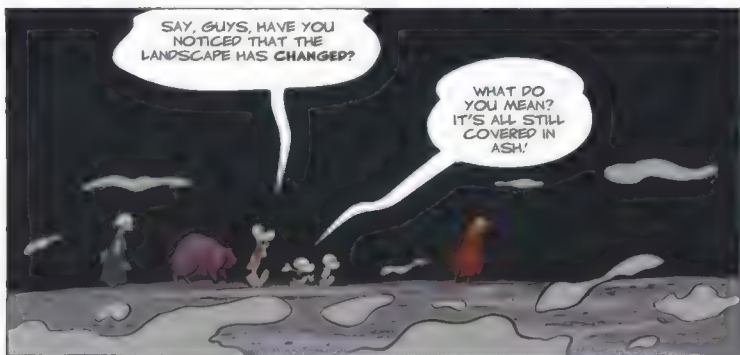




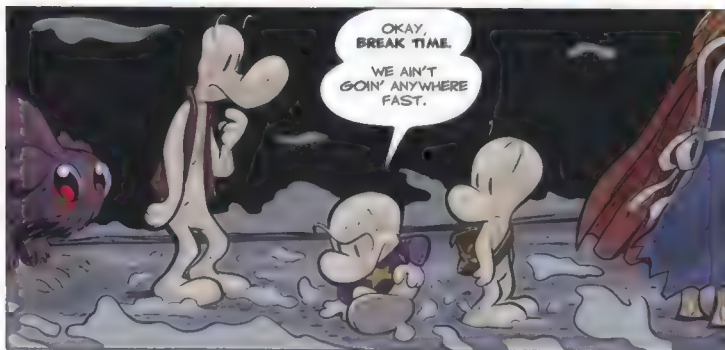
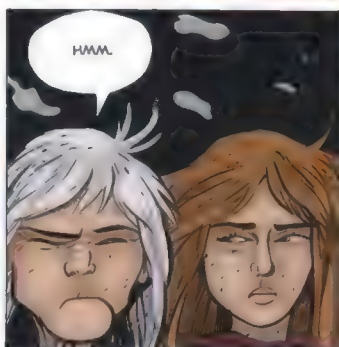
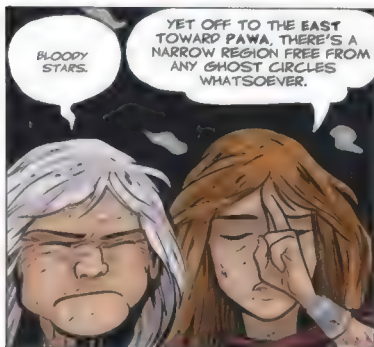
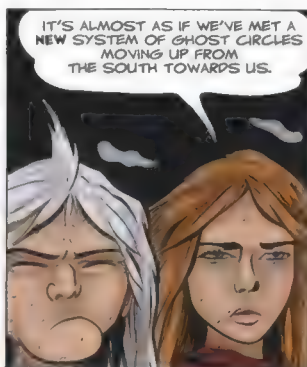
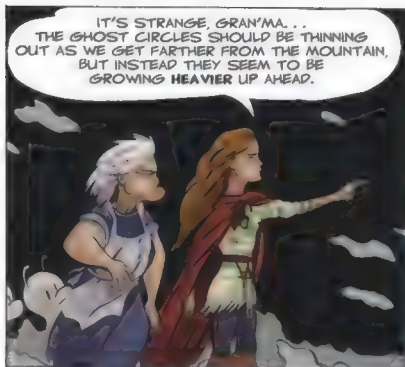


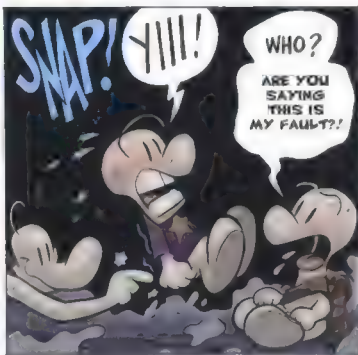
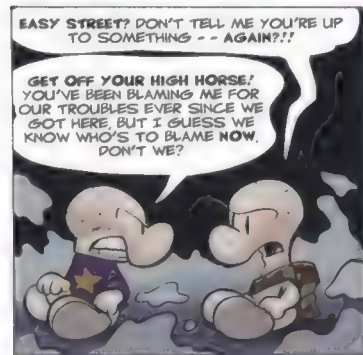
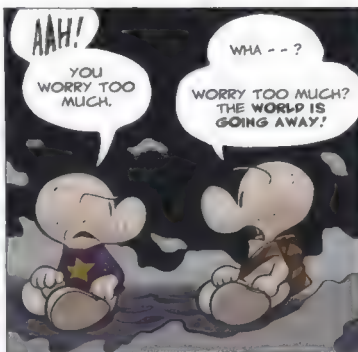
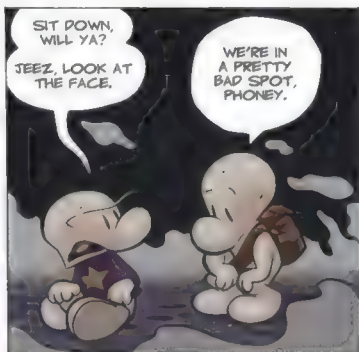
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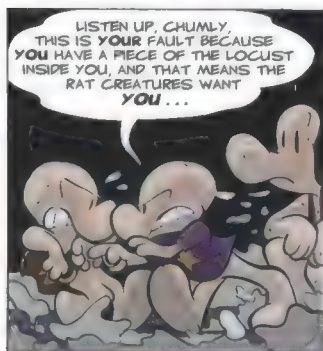
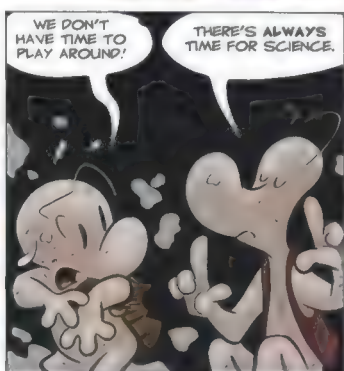
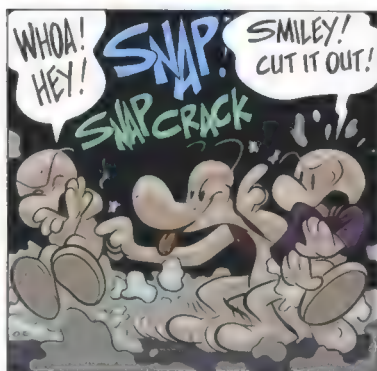
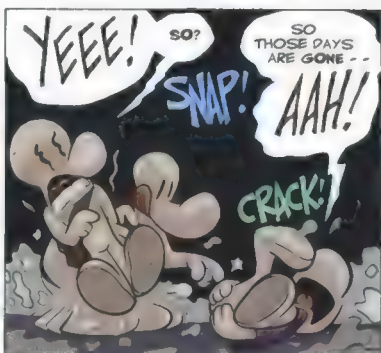
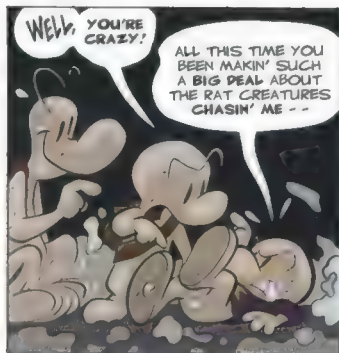


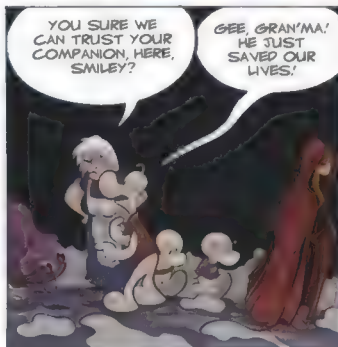
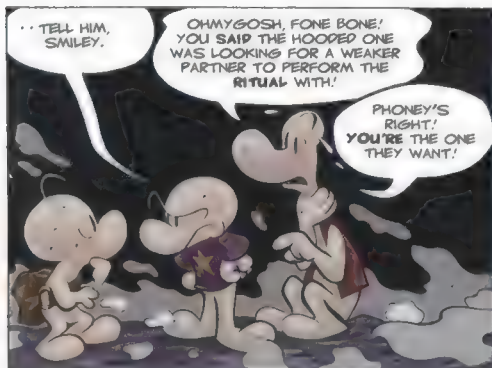


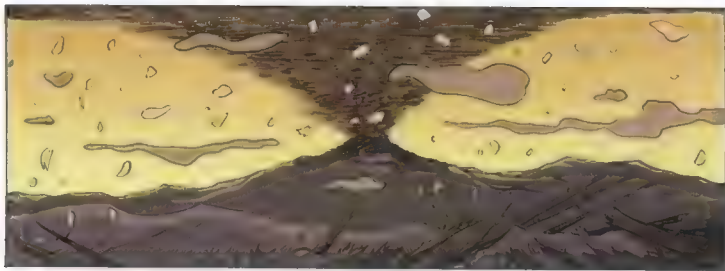
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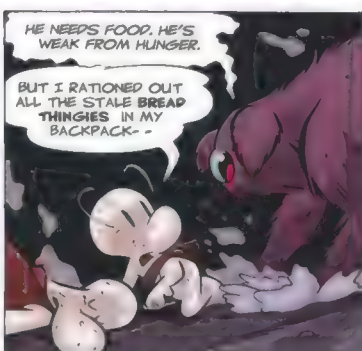
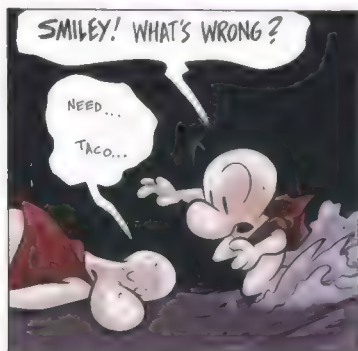


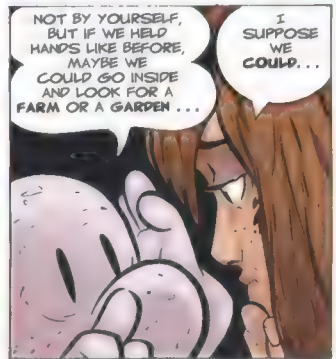
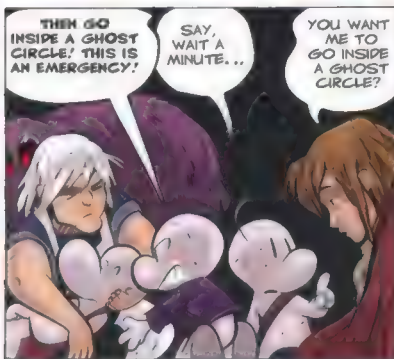
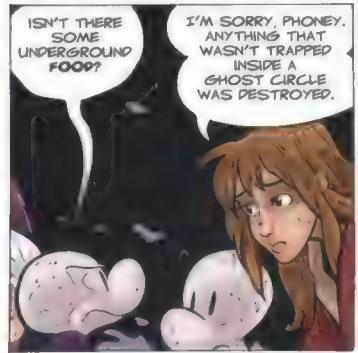
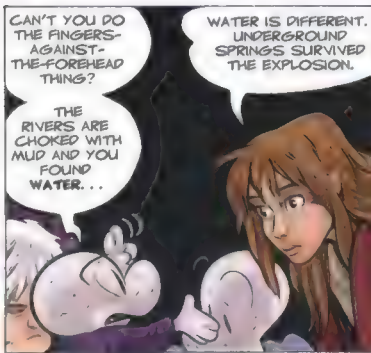
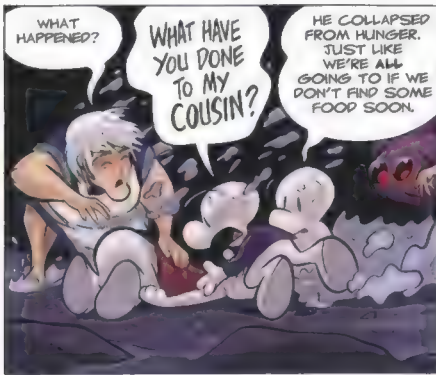


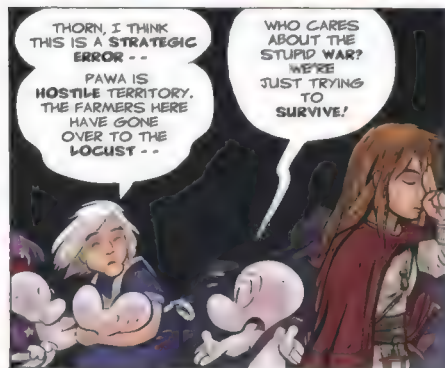
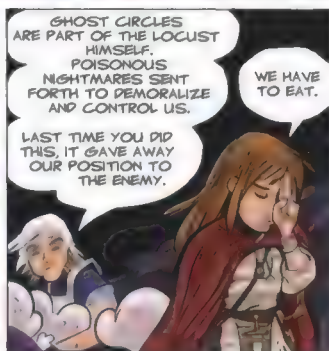
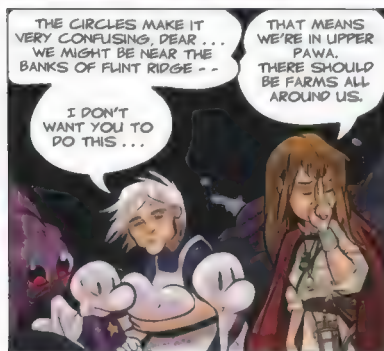
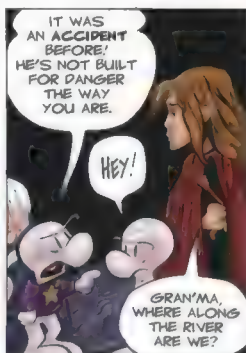
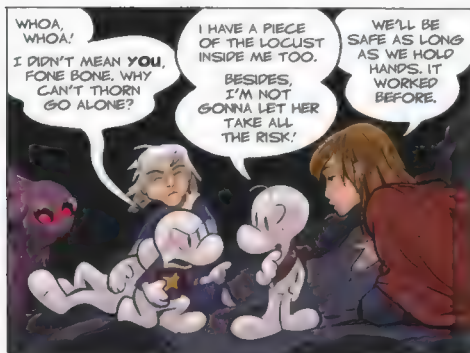


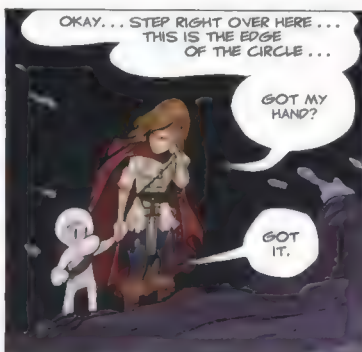
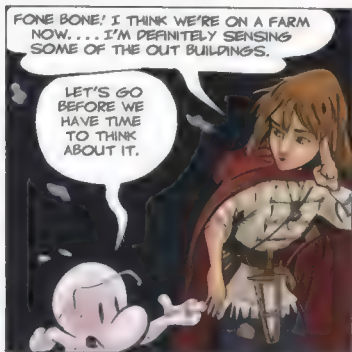


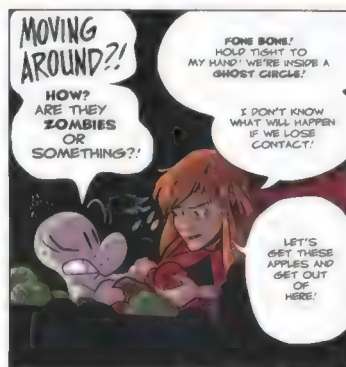
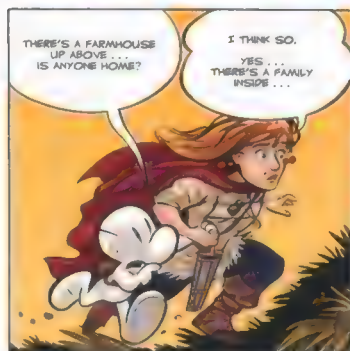




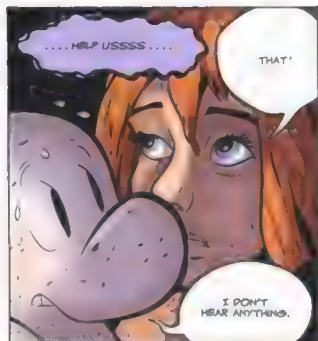


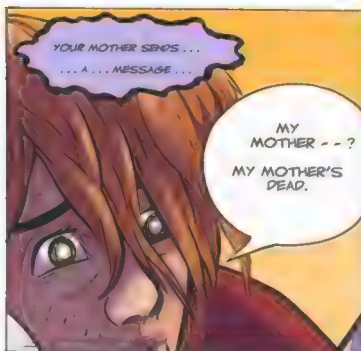
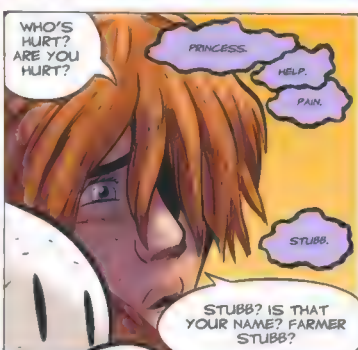
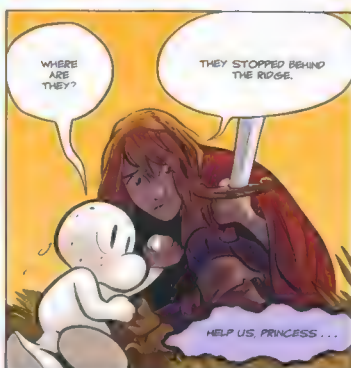


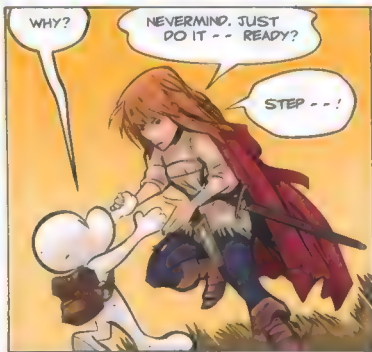
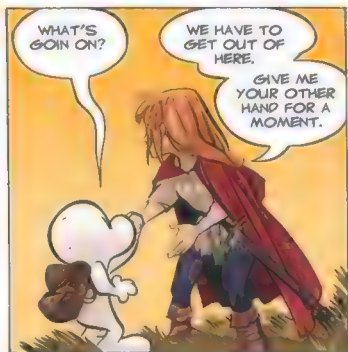
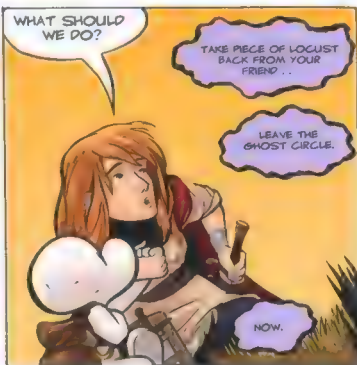
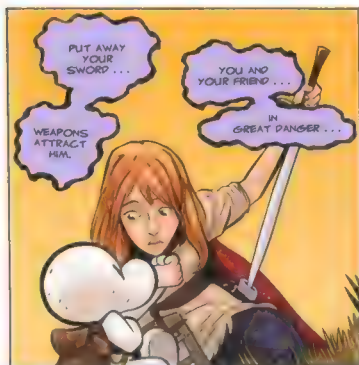
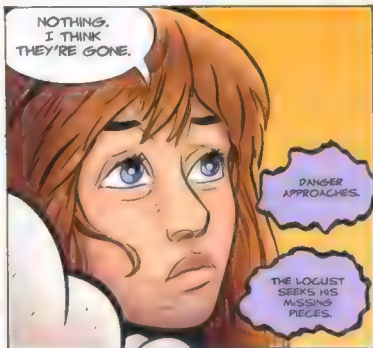


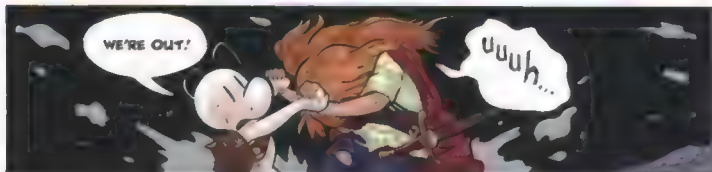


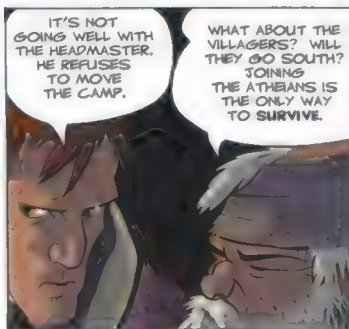
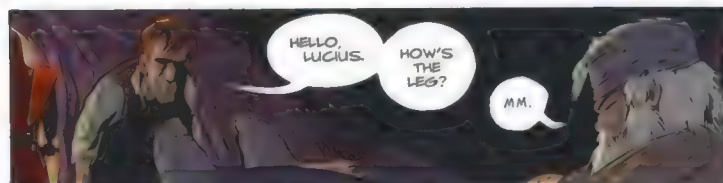
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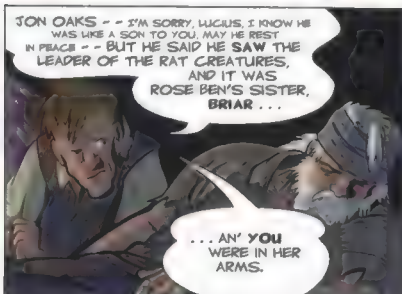
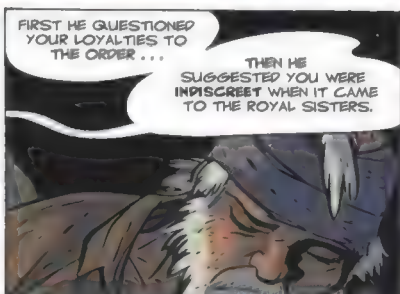
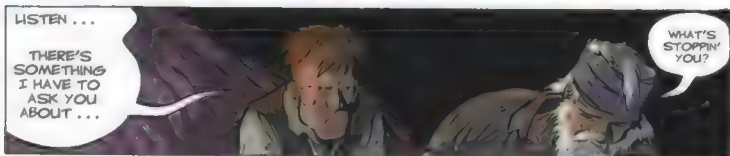


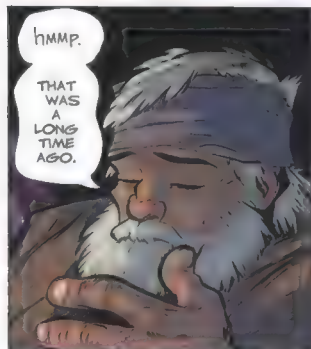


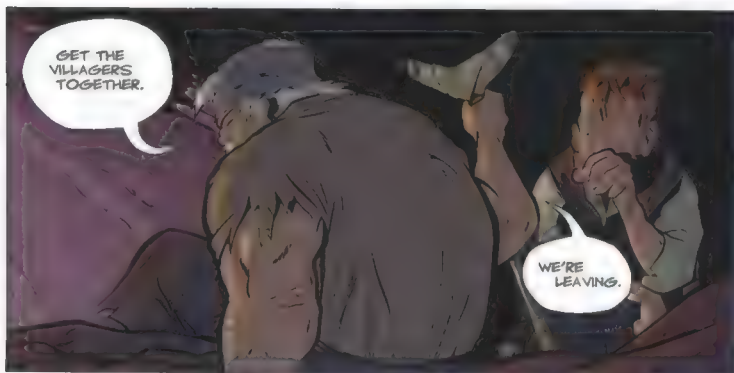


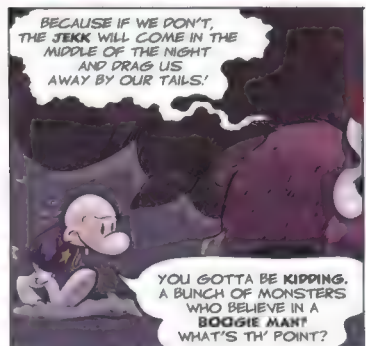
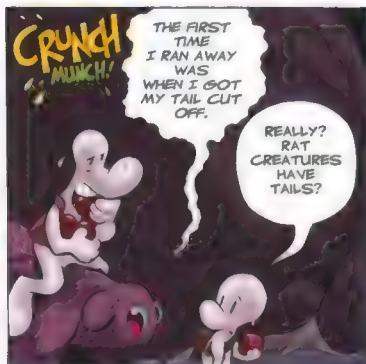


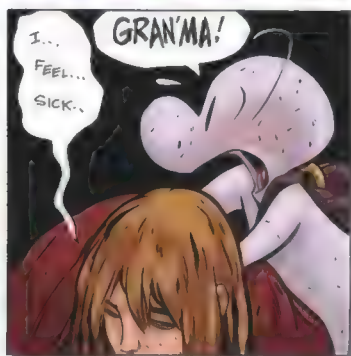
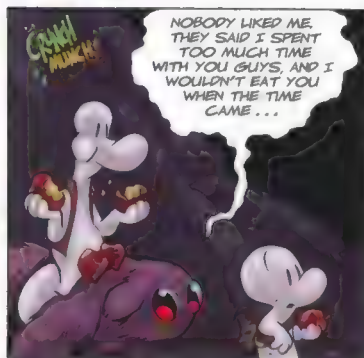


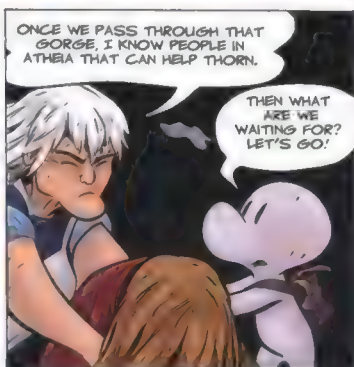


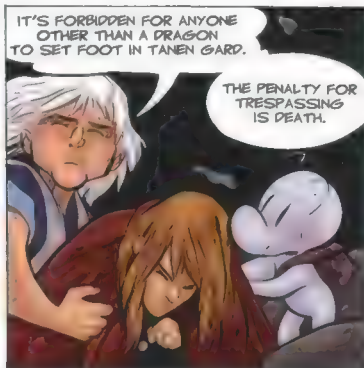
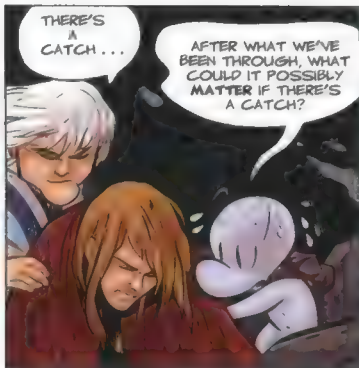












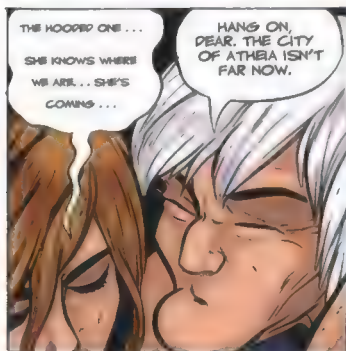


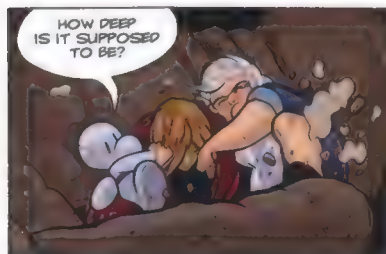
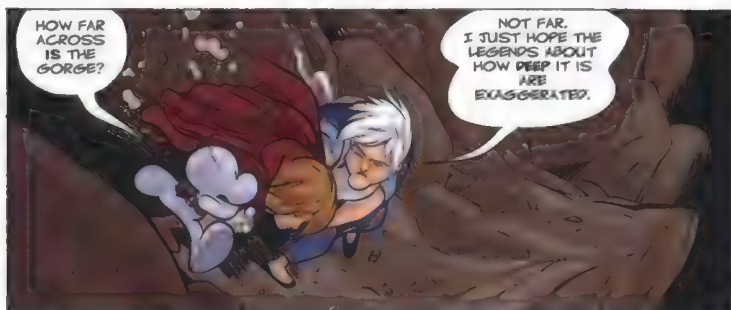
THORN IS REALLY
SICK, GRAN'MA --

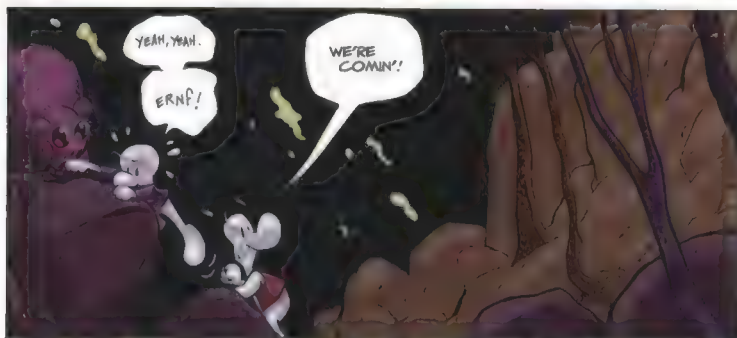
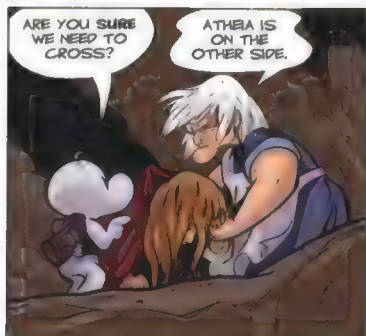
I DON'T THINK
SHE CAN GO ON.

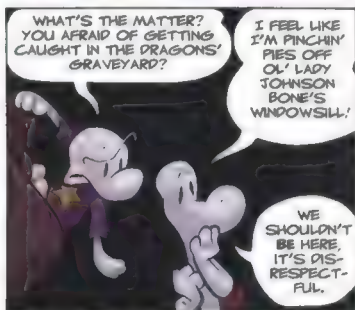
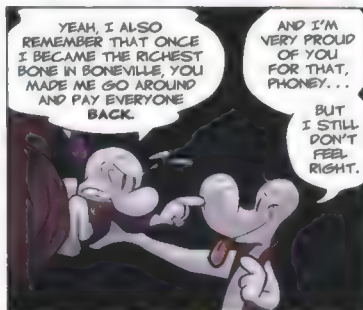
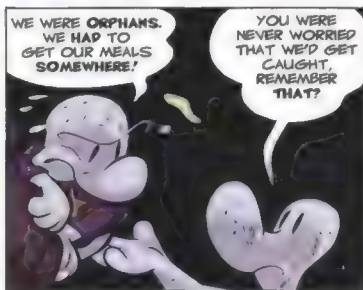
SHE HAS
TO, BONE.

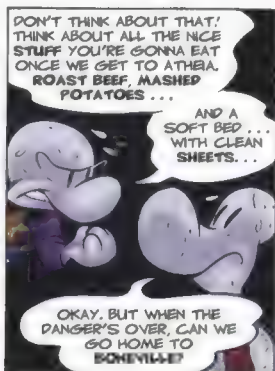
JUST TO
THE CITY WALLS...
ONCE WE REACH
ATHERA SHE CAN
GET HELP.

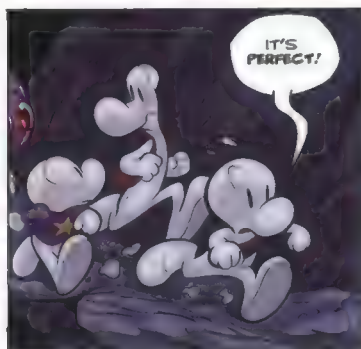


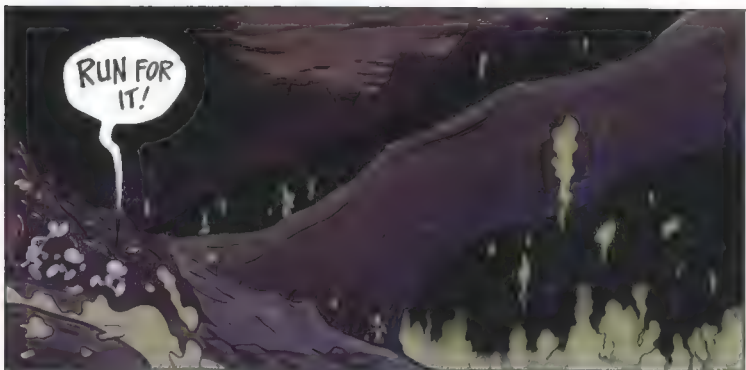
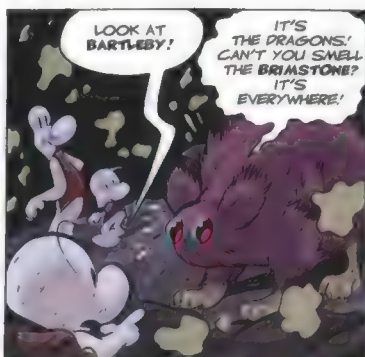
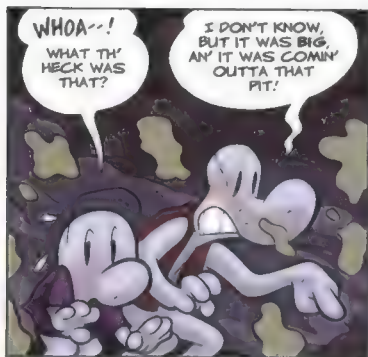






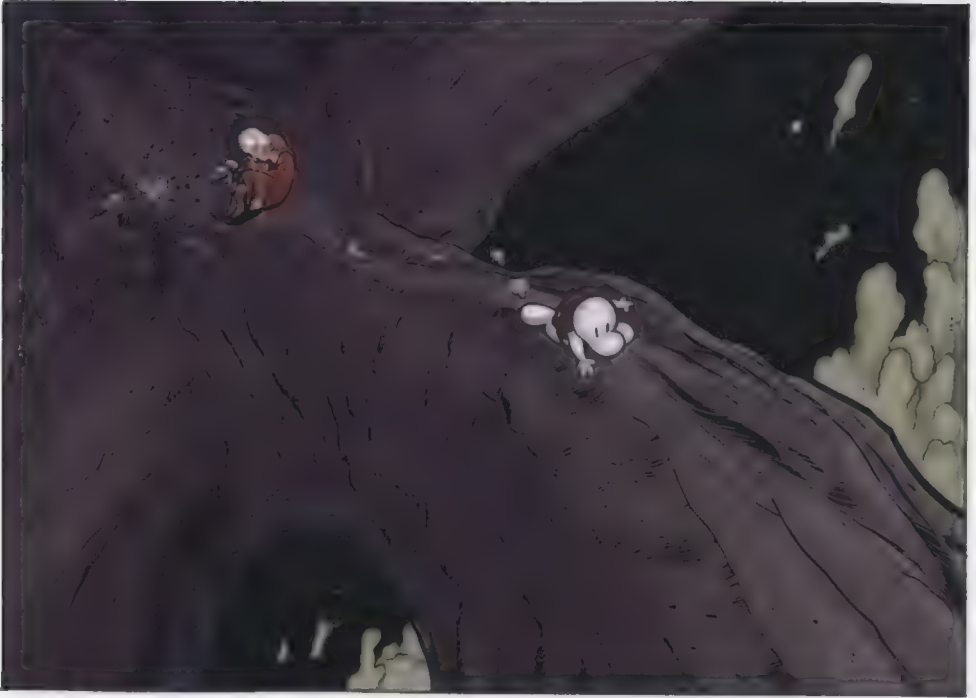


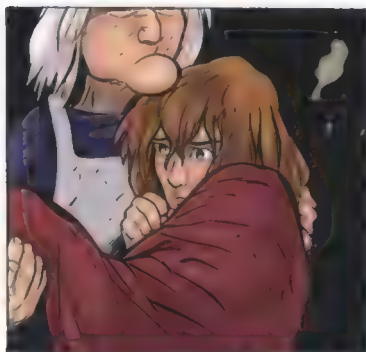


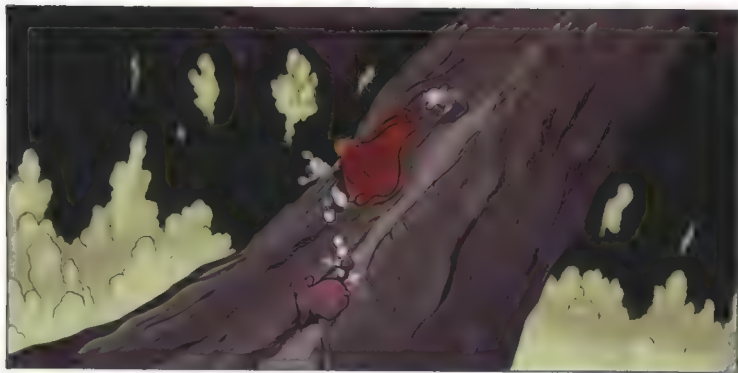
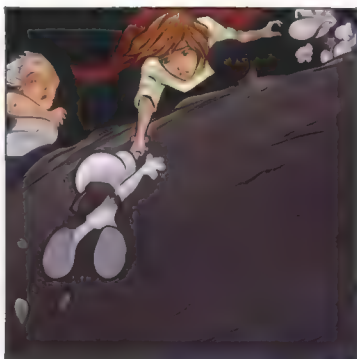


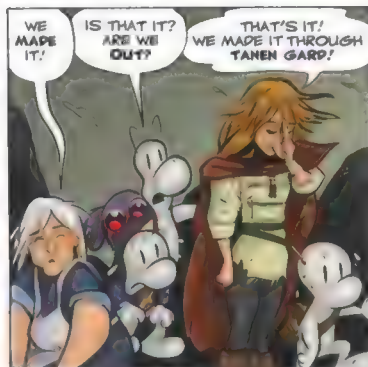
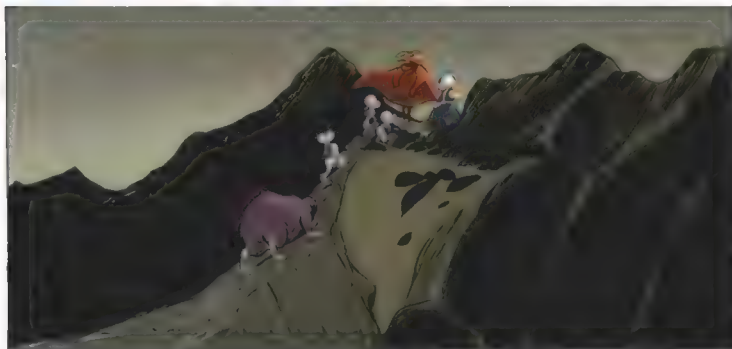


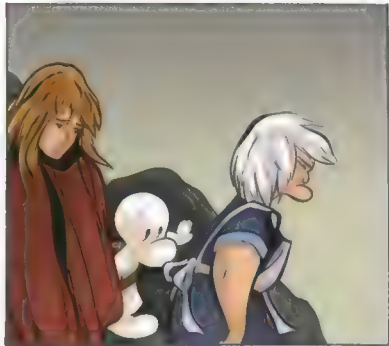
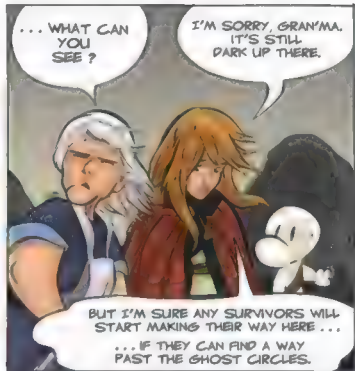
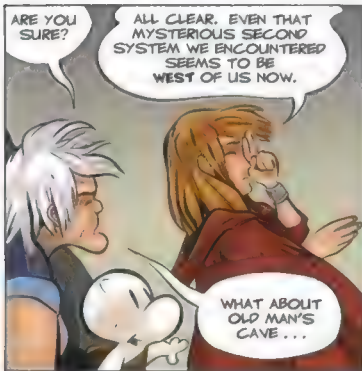
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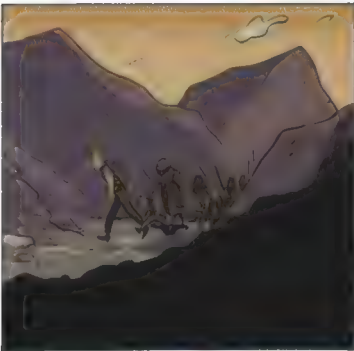
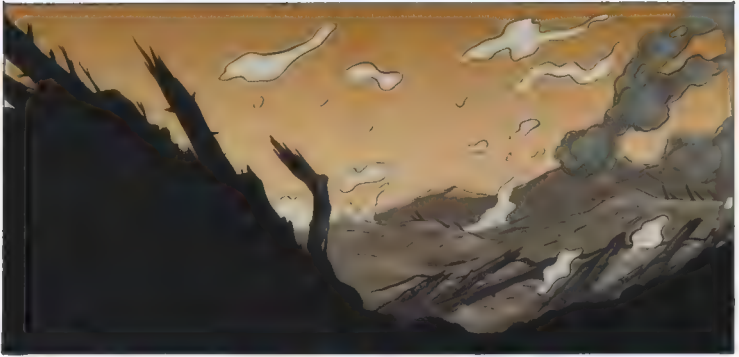






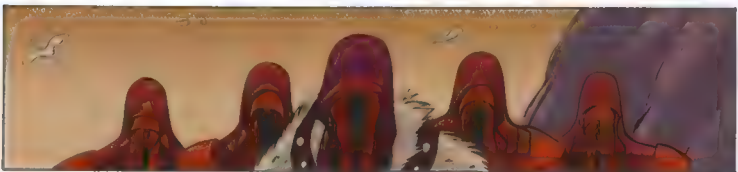
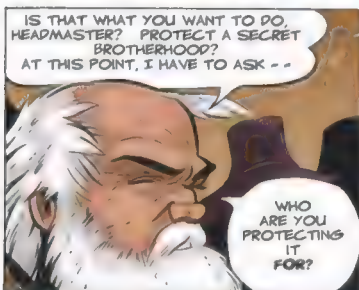


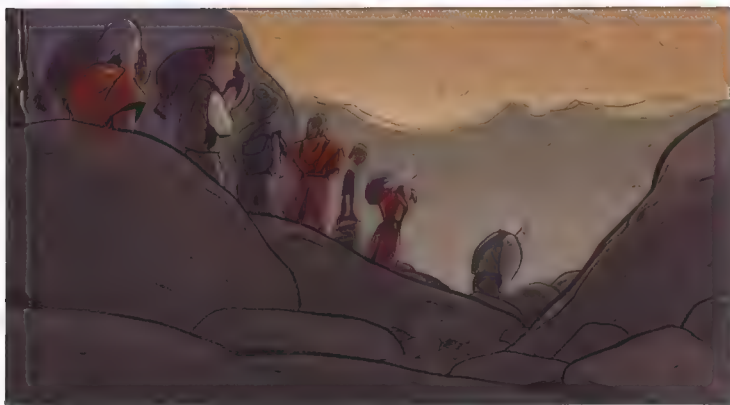




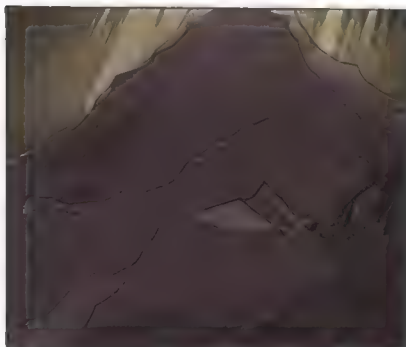








GHOST CIRCLES







MORE
CLIMBING?!
AT LEAST THE
GHOST CIRCLES
WERE FLAT!



WE CAN GET A GOOD
VIEW FROM UP HERE. . .

AND I WANT TO
TAKE A LOOK AT
THE ROAD THAT LEADS
TO ATHEIA.



HEY-- ARE THOSE
GRAVESTONES?
I THOUGHT WE
WERE OUT OF
THE SACRED
BURIAL GROUND.

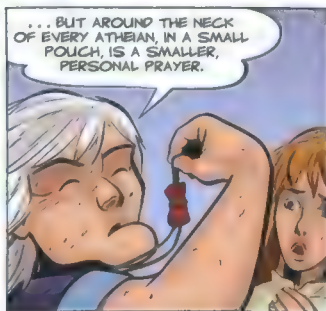
WE ARE.
THOSE ARE
PRAYER STONES
PUT HERE BY
THE PEOPLE OF
ATHEIA.



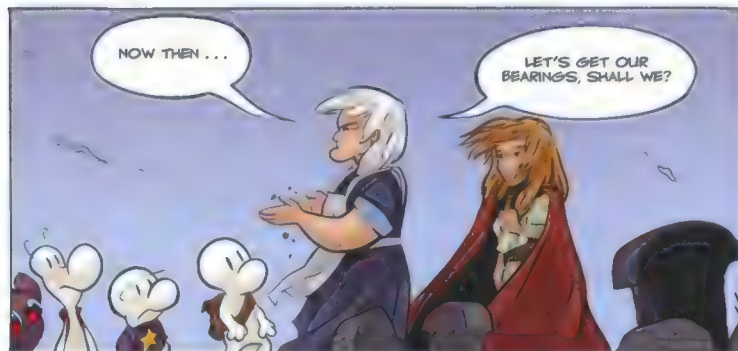
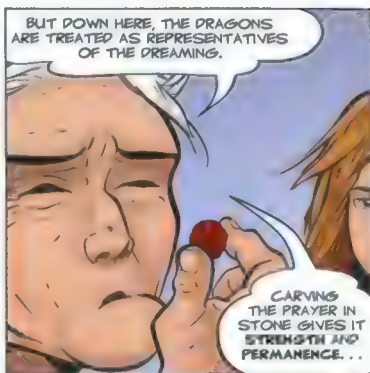
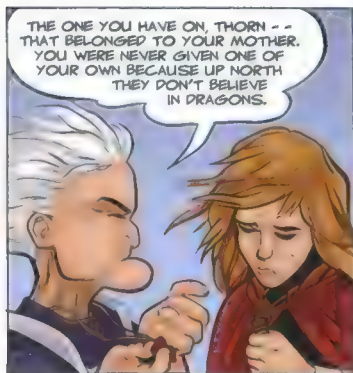
WHAT FOR?
WHAT ARE
PRAYER
STONES?

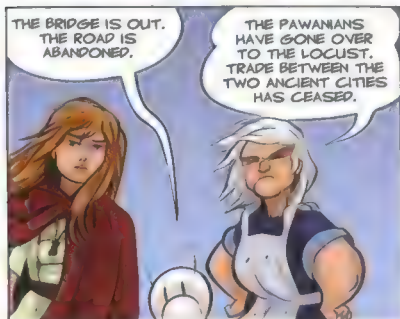
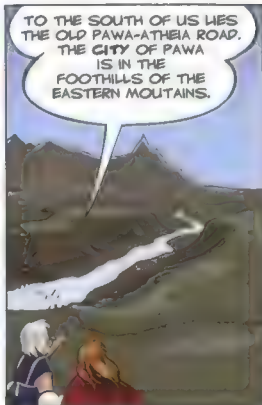
ON THE STONE IS A
PRAYER ASKING THE DRAGONS
FOR BALANCE BETWEEN THE
WORLD AND THE DREAMING.

THESE
ARE THE
BIG
ONES. . .



. . . BUT AROUND THE NECK
OF EVERY ATHEIAN, IN A SMALL
POUCH, IS A SMALLER,
PERSONAL PRAYER.









...TO BE CONTINUED.

ABOUT JEFF SMITH

JEFF SMITH was born and raised in the American Midwest and learned about cartooning from comic strips, comic books, and watching animated shorts on TV. After four years of drawing comic strips for The Ohio State University's student newspaper and co-founding Character Builders animation studio in 1986, Smith launched the comic book *BONE* in 1991. Between *BONE* and other comics projects, Smith spends much of his time on the international guest circuit promoting comics and the art of graphic novels.

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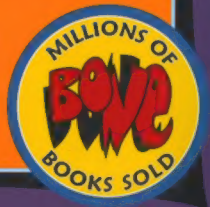
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